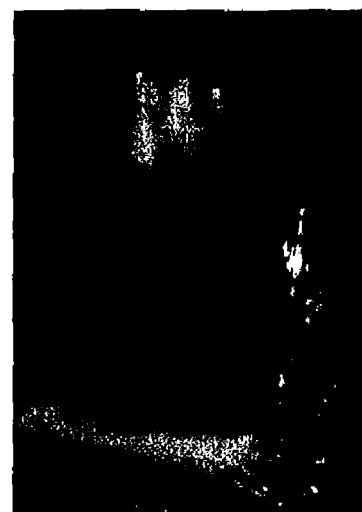


GHS hosts Solo and Ensemble event



For the first time ever, Grayling High School (GHS) hosted the Solo and Ensemble Festival for band students. Players from 28 northern Michigan schools attended the event, where they got to show off their skills to a panel of judges from throughout this part of the state. 11A

SPORTS

Vikings win LMC wrestling title



The Grayling Vikings clinched their second consecutive Lake Michigan Conference title last week, combining a 10-0 record in league meets with a first place finish at Saturday's LMC championship meet. The Vikings finished their regular season league schedule with a meet vs. Kalkaska and Elk Rapids at Elk Rapids on Wednesday night. 1B

JV team wins with 9-0 run in final 3:30



The Grayling Vikings outscored the visiting Charlevoix Rayders 9-0 in the final 3:30 of last Thursday's junior varsity boys basketball contest, giving Grayling a 60-56 victory. 1B

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Supreme Court deems discharge into headwaters of AuSable River illegal

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Landowners, anglers and conservationists won a battle last week to keep water discharged from an oil and gas well facility out of the headwaters of the AuSable River.

The Michigan Supreme Court, by a 4-3 vote on Wednesday, Feb. 4, reversed a previous order requesting the Michigan Court of Appeals to review a remediation permit that had the potential to cause erosion and impact the water quality of the

AuSable River.

In 2005, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) issued a permit to Merit Energy, a Texas-based oil company, to pump up to 1.15 million gallons of waste water per day into Kolke Creek in Otsego County in order to clean up a toxic plume at an oil well site.

Kolke Creek feeds into Lynn Lake, which is located at the headwaters of the AuSable River.

The remediation plan was part of Merit Energy's purchase of the con-

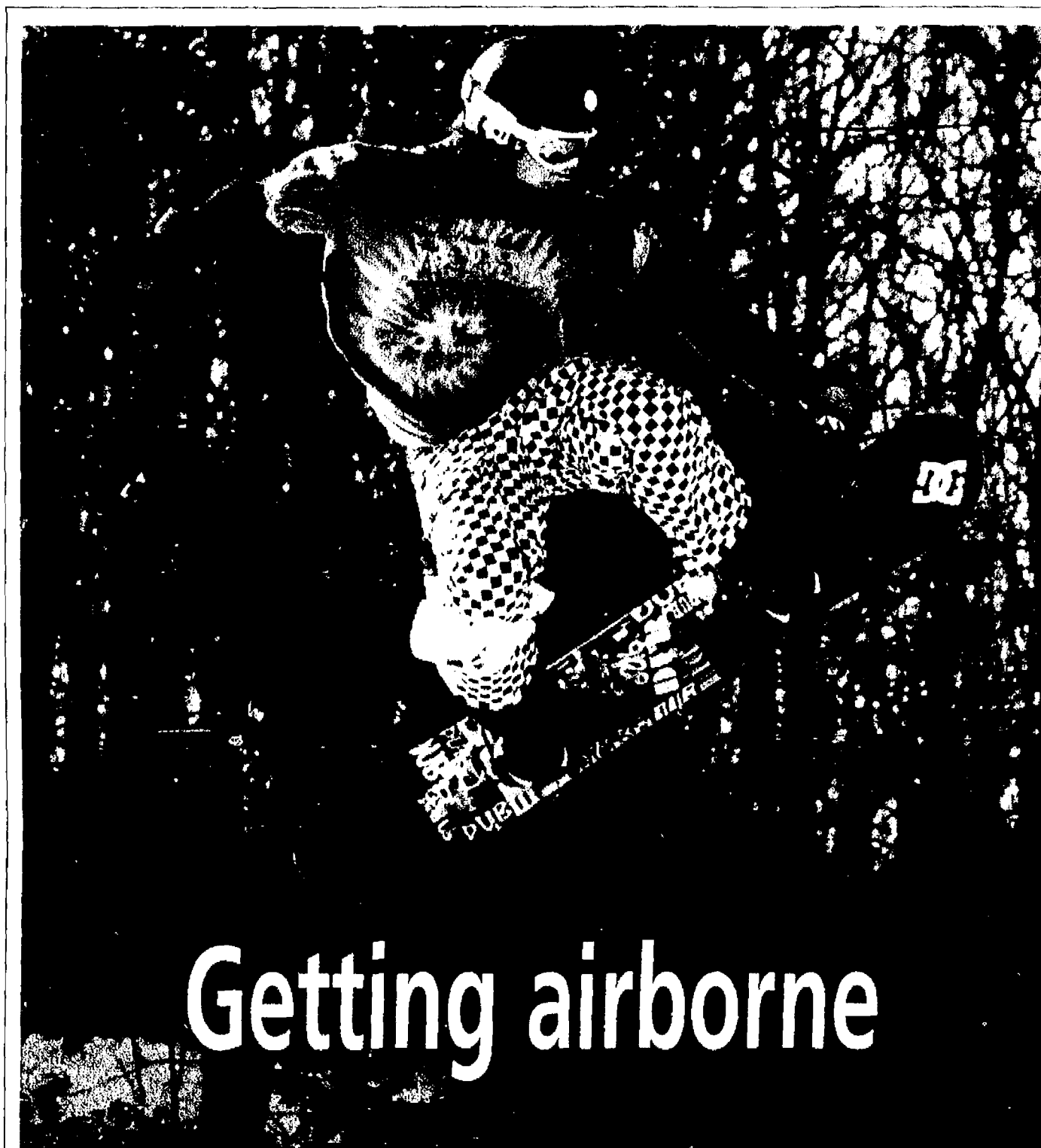
taminated well site from Shell Oil and Gas Company, where several crude oil and brine spills had occurred over the past decades, causing a huge plume that continues to spread and has contaminated two residential water wells.

Lynn Lake property owner, Janney Mayer Simpson, and the Anglers of the AuSable, a conservation group, filed a lawsuit in Otsego County seeking to stop the discharge while alternative clean up plans were explored.

In May of 2007, 46th Circuit

Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy issued an injunction saying it was unreasonable for Merit Energy to discharge treated water under the permit. Later, Murphy vacated Merit Energy Company's permit, ruling it was illegally issued by the DEQ and violated the Michigan Environmental Protection Act. Specifically, Murphy said the discharge would cause erosion and flooding to riparian property and would harm the delicate aquatic and wetland ecosystem of Kolke Creek.

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Getting airborne

Photo by Caleb Casey

Jake Haupt jumps off of one of the ramps at Hanson Hills during the Winter Fun Days big air competition on Saturday, Feb. 7. This year's Winter Fun Days festival also included a sled box race, a swim suit slalom, cross country skiing and a chili cook off. For more on Winter Fun Days, including results of the big air competition, see Page 1B. Chili cook off results are available on Page 11A.

Commissioners continue studying three building, renovation projects

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners took another step toward borrowing up to \$3 million to renovate the courthouse building, build a new senior center and find a new home for the health department.

The board, at its Thursday, Feb. 5, ways and means committee meeting, agreed to proceed with plans for an addition and the renovation of the county courthouse to make the building compliant with the American Disabilities Act. County officials are also considering borrowing additional funds to build a new Grayling Senior Center and to find a building for District Health Department #10.

The board will take up the action again at its Wednesday, Feb. 18, regular monthly meeting.

The total price tag for all three projects is an estimated \$3 million.

The addition and the renovation at the courthouse includes ADA compliant restrooms and entrances and adding an elevator to access the basement level of the building. The estimated cost for the project is \$1.2 million.

Last month, the board also weighed borrowing additional funds for the relocation of the Grayling Senior Center.

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"Michigan Chillers" author collaborates with GES students on charity project

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Public speaking can be terrifying. Especially when scare-master Chris Wright, author of the "Michigan Chillers" book series, gets involved.

Last Tuesday, Wright, a Grayling High School graduate who is better known by his pen name, Jonathan Rand, visited Grayling Elementary School (GES).

This was the first time he visited the school since he appeared as a special guest author in 2005. This time, he wasn't the only one in the spotlight. He helped GES students with a public speaking project that also supported a good cause.

"It gets the community involved and it's a fun thing to do," Wright said.

He filmed students as they acted out sponsored ads for the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter web site. Wright, who designs the web site for the local non-profit shelter, will run the ads in front of video

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Author Chris Wright, better known as Jonathan Rand, films Dawn Feldhauser's fourth grade class for a public speaking project. The footage will be used for an online ad campaign supporting the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter.

Trimester schedule results in improved student achievement at Grayling High School

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Operating on the trimester schedule at the Grayling High School has proven its weight in improved grades, better test scores and better attendance.

Grayling High School staff and students recently marked their first

year operating on a trimester schedule. The students are enrolled in five classes which meet daily for three 12-week marking periods. The previous block schedule had students in classes every other day for 18-week semesters.

The Grayling High School staff started the trimester for the 2008-2009 school year, so this fall marked

the first year the school has been operating under the new class schedule.

Although more time will be needed to collect long-term data, the trimesters have resulted in steady achievement towards the Grayling High School's school improvement plan.

Crawford AuSable School

District Superintendent Joe Powers said that student failures and student drop outs have decreased by 27 percent.

If a student falls short of passing a class in one trimester, there is another opportunity the same school year to pass that required course. It allows for credit recovery for those

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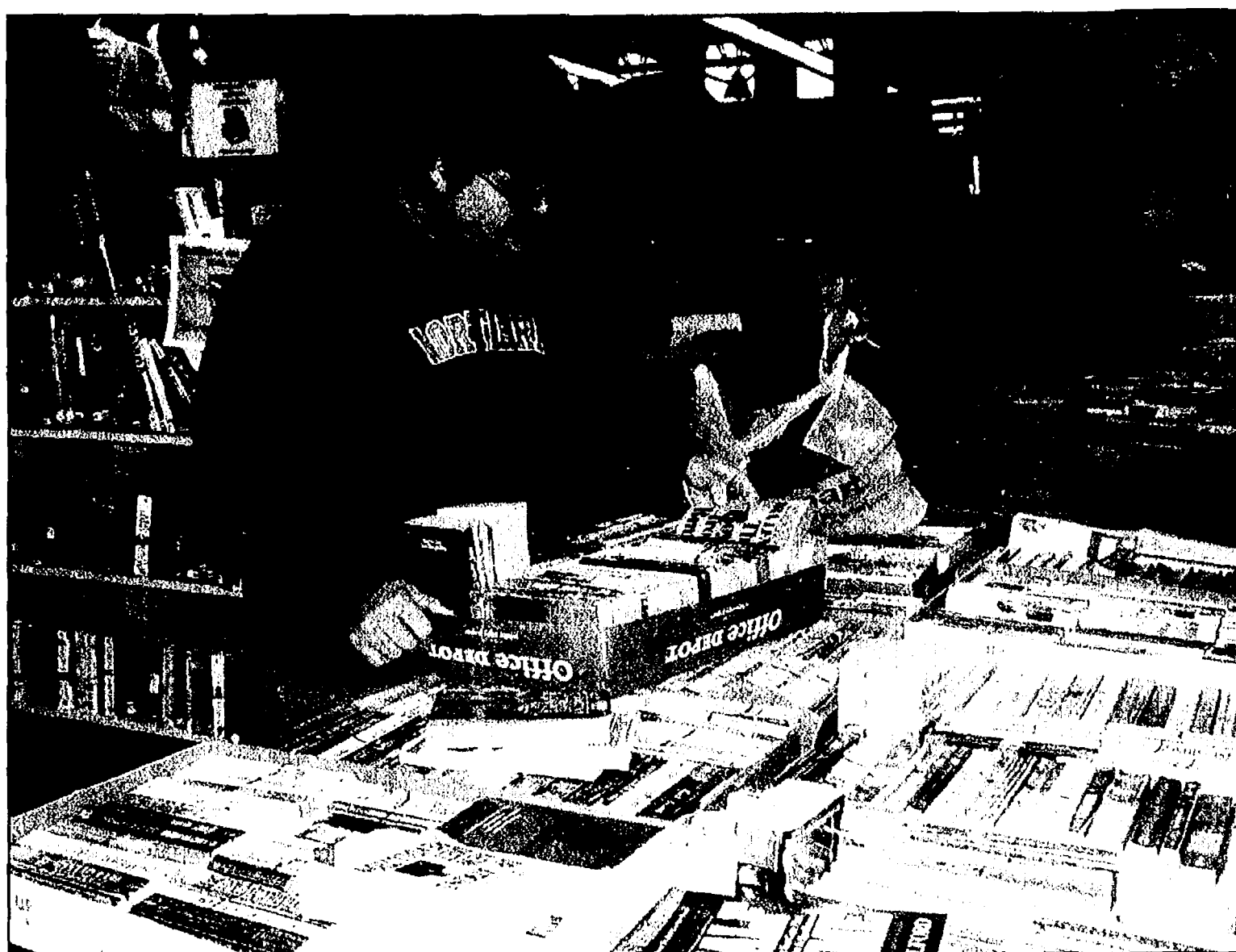
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Getting books from friends



Paula Sells (left) and Rachel Sells (right) browse the selection at the biannual Friends of the Crawford County Library Book Sale last week. "We're book lovers, serious book lovers," Paula said. The sale took place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All proceeds from the donated books will be used to support library programs. This year, for the first time ever, the Friends group will also be hosting a children's book sale in June.

Area residents may have purchased contaminated peanut products

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

A potentially deadly salmonella contamination has been discovered in products made by the Peanut Corporation of America (PCA).

Although the corporation has launched a massive recall campaign in the month since the contamination was discovered, there is

still a possibility that contaminated peanut products have been purchased by Crawford County residents.

When the contamination was first discovered, it was believed that it only affected a very limited line of products that were not available for retail purchase.

Subsequent investigation in recent weeks reveals that a huge assortment of peanut products are connected to the outbreak, including a huge variety of retail grocery items and even certain brands of dog food. As of last week, new products were still being added to the recall list.

Already by late January, more than 400 people in 43 states contracted salmonella poisoning that has been connected to peanut butter. Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems.

Healthy persons infected with salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

In rare circumstances,

infection with salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections, endocarditis and arthritis. In these cases, an untreated infection has the potential to be deadly.

The Federal Government is blaming the outbreak on negligence on the part of the PCA. On Feb. 5, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack removed Stewart Parnell, President and CEO of the Peanut Corporation of America, from the USDA's Peanut Standards Board.

On the same day, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that the PCA has been suspended from all dealings with the Federal Government.

They may go so far as to disbar the corporation, which would prevent it from doing business with any government agency, including federally funded public schools, for at least three years.

Meanwhile, Steve Walker, the assistant store director of Glen's Market in Grayling, said the contamination should not be a cause for panic.

"We have steps in place that we pull the product immediately," Walker said.

He added that the current list of 1,844 recalled products may be deceptively long.

"A lot of the stuff they did recall are not high volume items," Walker said.

It is believed that the contamination may have appeared as early as Sept. of last year. This means that some Crawford County residents may be in possession of peanut products that were still available before the recall.

It is also important to recognize that a handful of brands of cookies, crackers and donuts that contain small amounts of peanut products were included in the recall. The FDA has posted an easily searchable database online that makes checking for contaminated products quick and easy. To access the database, visit <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/index.cfm>.

Meanwhile, peanut lovers have no reason to despair.

"There's still plenty of other products available," Walker said.

Nearby publications close their doors

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

The Northern Star, a well known shopping guide that circulated in the Grayling area, recently ceased publication.

The Northern Star was published in Gaylord. It was widely distributed at

newsstands in Grayling.

The publication was founded in 1960 by a businessman named Gordon Everett. After a run of nearly half a century, the publication was apparently no longer financially viable.

Two regular weekly newspapers, The Citizen Journal in Boyne City and the Town Meeting in Elk Rapids, also ceased printing on Jan. 23. The Citizen Journal had been active for 128 years and the Town Meeting had been published for over 30 years.

All three publications

were properties of a national printing firm based out of Pennsylvania called the Journal Register Company. The papers were published by the Morning Sun publishing company in Mt. Pleasant.

According to the Traverse City Record Eagle, the Journal Register Company posted a third quarter loss of \$8.7 million in 2008. At press time, Journal Register Company stock is selling for \$0.006 a share. The company still owns 11 daily and weekly newspapers in Michigan.

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This week's online poll question: **What gift will you give for Valentine's Day?**

Judge says clock is ticking for fines owed in "Thor" case

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Roscommon man was reminded on Tuesday that the days were counting down in which he must pay thousands of dollars in fines, court costs and restitution for a high profile animal abuse case.

Crawford County District Court Judge Monte J. Burmeister filed a motion to have Lawrence Edward Baumgart, 48, appear in court to review the conditions of his probation, fines, court costs and restitution.

Baumgart was convicted of one count of animal-abandoning/cruelty after a one day jury trial held in June 2007 for the abuse of a yellow labrador named "Thor."

Thor was found on Jan.

11, 2007, emaciated in a carport where Lawrence Baumgart's mother, Judith Baumgart, lives on Stephan Bridge Road. The dog was tied to a golf cart with a nylon strap. Judith Baumgart told Gail Foguth, the Crawford County animal control officer, that the dog wandered into her yard, although she knew that her son was looking for a dog that he claimed ran away from his truck while he was plowing snow.

Baumgart was sentenced to serve 30 days in the Crawford County Jail, with 60 days held in abeyance pending meeting the conditions of his probation.

Burmeister reminded Baumgart on Tuesday that he still owes \$4,113.83 for the case.

The restitution in the case, owed to the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter and Grayling Hospital for Animals for the care of Thor, is \$2,918.82.

Burmeister said he intends to enforce the two-month jail sentence if all fines and restitution are not paid by July.

"I have no ability to extend your probation," Burmeister said. "July is it."

Burmeister said he wanted to clarify the probation conditions and money owed to exercise fairness to Baumgart in the case.

"I just want you to understand that we're on the same playing field," he said.

Baumgart, although barely audible to others in the courtroom, said pending financial transactions would allow him to make payments

toward the fines and restitution.

"Otherwise, you have 60 days hanging over my head," Baumgart said.

Cheryl Postma, director of the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, had cared for Thor at her home after he was discovered by Foguth. Thor developed congestive heart disease. Postma made the difficult decision to have Thor euthanized in October 2007, when his condition worsened to the point of continuous pain and discomfort.

A fund at the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, called "Thor's Fund," was established in the dog's honor to help pay for veterinary expenses for animals in need of medical attention.

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Annual Blizzard Fest slated

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Ice golfing and a euchre tournament - it must be time for Blizzard Fest.

The Grayling Youth Booster Club will hold their second annual ice-golfing tournament and euchre tournament at Camp Grayling on Saturday, Feb. 28.

There are virtually no changes in the events planned for this year's Blizzard Fest, except an opportunity to have more fun with friends and neighbors on the ice and at the euchre tables.

Last year, the ice golfing tournament, which included 20 two-person teams, and the euchre tournament were held at the same time.

To accommodate people who want to take part in both events, the ice golfing tournament will be held at 11 a.m. Players are encouraged to check in with security at Camp Grayling by 10:30 a.m.

The tournament will begin with a longest drive contest followed by a golf scramble out on the ice on Lake

Margrethe.

Only two golf clubs or a hockey stick can be used by the ice golfing duffers to whack tennis balls into holes in the ice.

"It makes it a fun event and not everybody wants to bring a whole bag of clubs out there," said Rob Aubry, president of the Grayling Youth Booster Club.

The ice golfing players will then have the opportunity to warm up and grab a bite to eat during the euchre tournament, which starts at 2 p.m. at Camp Grayling's Armory.

Chili and soft drinks, provided by the Gray Rock Cafe and the Grayling Youth Booster Club, will be available.

There is a \$40 fee per team to register for the ice golf scramble and a \$20 fee to take part in the euchre tournament.

Pre-registration is required to get on the military base for the day. Registration is also required at the armory for both events, to comply with Camp Grayling's security measures.

While Blizzard Fest is a perfect cure for cabin fever and the winter blahs, the main focus will be on raising funds for area youth sports programs and activities.

Aubry said the Grayling Youth Booster Club has received a number of grant requests for funding, and anticipates requests to increase as nonprofit groups are struggling and the Crawford AuSable School District faces budget cuts.

"This is all for the kids," Aubry said. "In these tough economic times, we're trying to go out and do business as usual."

Aubry said that thoughts would be with Irv McIsaac, a founder of the Grayling Youth Booster Club who died on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the age of 88, during the event. McIsaac devoted nearly four decades of his life to the Grayling Youth Booster Club.

"We've got to figure out how to carry on the torch for that guy," Aubry said.

For registration or for more information, contact Karen Ayers at 348-3196.

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Beaver Creek diesel fuel sale snafu ends with arrest

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Beaver Creek Township Fire Department official faces a four-year felony for selling untaxed diesel fuel to the ambulance service that covers Crawford County.

Sgt. Robert Green of the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police said the official was arrested on the charge in late January. The official's name is not being released pending an arraignment in Crawford County District Court scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Green said the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department is allowed to purchase and run untaxed diesel fuel in its truck since it is a governmental agency. The department, however, sold diesel fuel to Mobile Medical Response, a for-profit business that provides ambulance services to Crawford County. Mobile Medical Response has a substation based out of the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department. The charge is a four-year felony with a \$5,000 fine.

Green said the arrest capped off a two-year investigation into the allegation, which began in March 2007. The investigation was prompted by an anonymous tip provided to the Michigan Department of Treasury. Green said that the transaction that prompted the tip occurred 18 months before the investiga-

tion began.

Green said multiple search warrants were issued on several locations during the investigation. Detective Sgt. Tim Lenhard and Bill Coe, the motor carrier officer for the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police, handled the investigation.

Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Brian Ashton said he could not comment

on the legal matter. Ashton said the issue was not raised at the township board's monthly meeting on Monday, but he has fielded several phone calls regarding the news.

Longtime Beaver Creek Township Fire Chief Ed Holtcamp said fire department officials are working on a resolution to the issue.

"It is going to get resolved," Holtcamp said.

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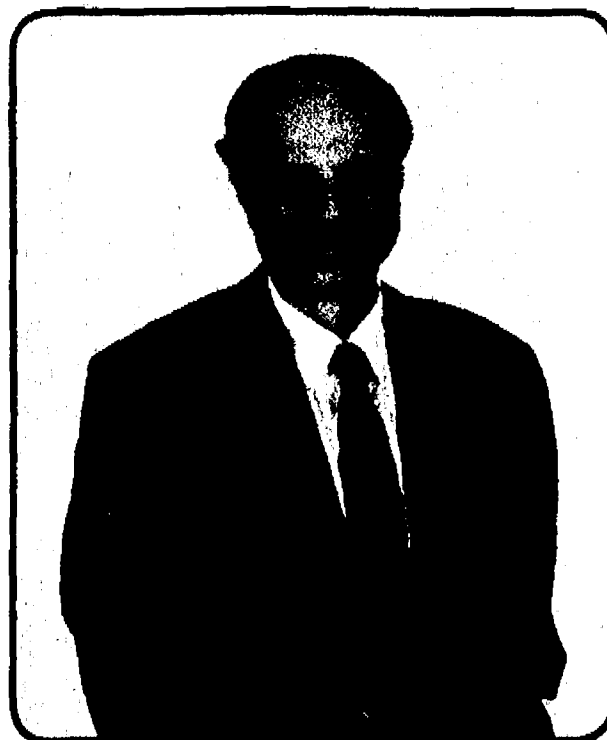
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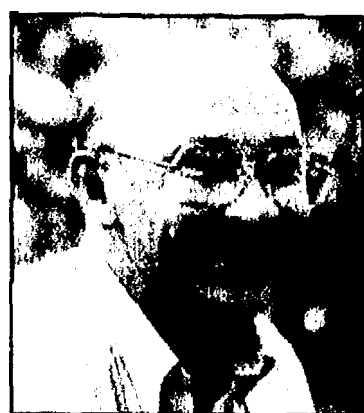
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Issues and Opinions

Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Gov. Granholm's State of State brims with ideas



IT'S ALMOST as if Gov. Jennifer Granholm has been saving up a bunch of ideas about how to run state government, and decided to unload them all at once.

Her seventh and next-to-last State of the State message touched so many areas it's difficult to summarize.

In a nutshell, she advised cutting state government's size and activities a bit, turn to new and evolving ways to do things, and wait for the other financial-aid shoe to drop when the Obama stimulus package, in one form or another, finally gains life.

Want to cut state spending? So does Gov. Granholm.

She proposed cutting pay of state elected officials – governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state-supported judges, and all 148 members of the state legislature – by 10 percent. That would save over \$1 million a year.

One of the hitches in the plan, however, is that it can't be done until 2011 (the state constitution says pay of elected officials cannot be lowered during their term

of office), and depending on how the constitution is read, it may even be illegal to cut elected officials' pay at all.

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AFTER MS. GRANHOLM first was elected governor in 2002, she set up a series of study groups to go over every department and every aspect of state government operations and suggest modifications or changes.

Seven years later, the governor has put forth a bold, broad plan of reorganization, which at this point is not really a plan but an idea.

A special commission, headed by Lt. Gov. John Cherry, will come up with the details, and again, implementation is a couple of years away – after the term-limited governor leaves office – but in plenty of time to provide Mr. Cherry, who already is running to succeed her, a good campaign platform.

Gov. Granholm wants to reduce the number of state departments from 18 to eight. Two of those are the constitutional offices of attorney general and secretary of state, which will be outside the Cherry study. That leaves 16 to be boiled

down to six.

The idea sounds like a real winner, but I wonder what would happen to all the programs these 16 agencies operate? Are services going to be cut, or just relocated or renamed?

A case in point: The governor proposed shutting down the Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL). Again, what happens to the state library and museum? Is the relatively new building closed, or rented out, or torn down? Or do the services under HAL simply revert to the various state departments that handled them before they were consolidated a few years ago?

The idea of consolidation seems to make sense. Instead of 16 directors and 16 deputy directors, there could be eight. Instead of 16 human services departments, there could be six. Instead of 16 budget or legal or public information departments, there could be six. The overall economy of scale might work out well for the taxpayer.

The real question is whether state government is reduced, or simply re-arranged. One is much

more difficult than the other.

The major costs in government are for people and for programs which are designed for people. To save serious tax dollars, both must be reduced.

Are the people of Michigan, through their elected legislators and administrators, really ready to cut and eliminate?

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THE ANNUAL message from Gov. Granholm was filled with other suggestions, too.

Closely monitor coal usage, develop other sources for energy, shut down the state fairs, winterize homes, close three state prisons, freeze auto insurance rates, transfer wetland regulation from state to federal government, tinker with local high school programs, freeze university and community college tuition, and on and on.

Only one thing is sure with the Granholm message: No new taxes.

She has made it clear that although to help Michigan businesses by cutting some business taxes has merit, it won't happen unless the lost revenue is replaced.

"You tell me how we do it and

how we pay for it, and I'm all about it," she responded to one question about lower business taxes.

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THE SAME DAY Gov. Granholm delivered her latest State of the State message, she shared front page headlines with another Michigan news development, as auto companies reported their January sales.

General Motors sales were down 48.9 percent. Ford sales were down 40.3 percent. Chrysler sales were down 54.8 percent.

News like that underlines one of Gov. Granholm's key messages to Michigan citizens.

"Any honest assessment of our state's economy must recognize that things are likely to get worse before they get better," the governor said.

"But one thing I want the citizens of Michigan to know is this: Things will get better."

There's always hope.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Viewpoint

By Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Avoid becoming victim of "warm up" car theft

"During the extreme cold that Michigan has been experiencing recently, there is increased temptation to start your vehicle and go back inside to let it warm up," said Sheriff Wakefield. The problem is that crooks may target people who do this.

Crooks have been known to "patrol" neighborhoods looking for unoccupied running vehicles. They may work in teams, with one person driving the car and the passenger prepared to jump out when an unattended running vehicle is spotted. Some thieves target only unlocked cars, but others will break out a window, if necessary.

If warming up your car is absolutely necessary, Sheriff Wakefield recommends you invest in a remote car starter. These are designed to allow your car to start and warm up without the key, but disable the vehicle if anyone tries to put the car in gear before inserting the key.

If a remote car starter is not an option for you and you insist on staying inside your home while your car warms up, Sheriff Wakefield recommends you follow these important tips: keep a watchful eye on your car from inside the house; make sure you have a backup key so you can lock the door to your car; don't keep your "warm up" key on a ring with your house keys, if you do, the thief will also have access to your home; and if you leave your car running in the garage, partially close the garage door because this will still allow the exhaust fumes to escape but serve as a deterrent to the thief.

"It is very easy to avoid falling victim to this crime," said Sheriff Wakefield. "By remaining with your vehicle during warm up, you will deter thieves who are looking for an easy mark."

Letters to the Editor

Hats off to the DNR

To the editor:

Hats off to Mr. Freed (Chief of land and facilities for the DNR) for acting sensibly and not letting certain dreamers, in the City of Grayling, Grayling Township and Crawford County, influence you into making a bad decision regarding the sale of Industrial Park land for a proposed theme park in Grayling.

The wild, overboard plans for the theme park, the bad business and personal history of the park project developer, his ties to a failed theme park in Indiana and his personal bankruptcy was

like a big red flag waving in the wind.

Had Axiom Entertainment got their hands on all the land set aside for business and industry development in Crawford County, God only knows what kind of mess we could have ended up with. Plus, the fact that we would have lost the land and a chance to attract new legitimate businesses and industries to the area.

It was a dream park, not a theme park and all the wishful thinking could not make a hopeless dream come true. Let's move on.

Harry Wojcik
Grayling

Four Mile face-lift needed

To the editor:

I would like to know why all the other roads in and around Grayling get fixed or repaved while Four Mile Road East only gets repatched.

From the railroad tracks to Staley Lake Road, it is so bad that you can't go around a pothole without hitting another pothole.

The sides of the road are broken away on both sides.

There is a lot of traffic on Four Mile Road and I have lived off of Four Mile Road for over 32 years. I have never seen it repaved.

They repatch it over and

over and it only lasts about three days. To me, it seems like they waste more money repatching it so many times. Why not just fix it the right way?

I have three cracks in my car window in the front. It is from when trucks and other vehicles run over the patched road that is not packed down all the way.

Other roads in town or around town have been fixed at least twice that I know of. But poor Four Mile Road never gets the face-lift she so badly needs.

Dee Bloomfield
Grayling

What Do You Think?

The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles – including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column – on our Internet site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com.

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

Excerpts from recent comments posted on our Internet site:

Debbie wrote on Jan. 22 (regarding pit bull issue): "When I wrote the commission, only one man replied. He sent some link about a two-year-old being attacked by a pit bull. This is extremely offensive to me as it has NOTHING to do with my question or the case at hand. He also told me 'he is an animal lover but draws the line at the breed.' Are you kidding me? This is so closed-minded and to not get any response from the rest of them is just as bad! When we write our officials they should make time to answer our questions."

DJ wrote on Jan. 24 (regarding pit bull issue): "I just saw another story in the

Atlanta tribune, Montmorency County, where a girl was viciously attacked by a pit bull. Let's hope the judge does the right thing and puts these dogs away. In addition, I would hope that the owners go bankrupt in their efforts to waste the public's time on such a worthless issue. I have no feelings for these people or their dogs. I will never understand why they would own animals such as those."

Tom wrote on Jan. 26 (regarding pit bull issue): "A precedent is being set here. Now pit bulls will be essentially illegal to own because they will bark at people. Because that is what happened here, the dogs barked at someone. Nobody wants to waste money on this case, and certainly nobody wants for something more terrible to happen than what already has, but wrong is wrong and in this case the court (is) terribly wrong."

JC wrote on Jan. 29 (regarding home schooling): "While I don't home school my own children, I've debated it on several occasions. I believe the social interaction and learning is actually better for the home school student. At public schools, students are often discouraged from socializing for the better part of the day. And when they do socialize, most of that is done only with other students their own age. In a home-schooled environment, students learn to socialize not only with peers of their own age, but also adults and teenagers, which is much more realistic. As adults, we don't only talk to those we feel most comfortable with; we must learn to communicate with a very diverse population, age and otherwise. There are not many places you will go as an adult

in which you must sit for hours on end and communicate with nobody, much like what happens in a public school setting."

Bill wrote on Feb. 5 (regarding theme park): "You can only have 100% focus on any subject at one time and manifest it. Now that this ridiculous idea will no longer take anyone's attention or energy, Crawford County elected officials and citizens alike must turn their focus to bringing technology or subsidiary manufacturing into the area to help turn the economy around."

Mike wrote on Feb. 5 (regarding theme park): "So glad this guy didn't get into the taxpayers' money and split like he did in Indiana."

Ken wrote on Feb. 5 (regarding theme park): "As we said all along... Never will there be a shovel full of dirt dug for the Scheme Park. Now, instead of the 'world's tallest Christmas Tree,' let's all work together to bring... manufacturing, technology, outdoor tourism?"

Tom wrote on Feb. 5 (regarding theme park): "I get the feeling that even if they were able to come up with the funds in the near future, they would be denied the land purchase. You say let's turn our attention now to bringing in new industry, but I hope you are stepping back and asking yourself at the same time, do the powers in charge really want Grayling to grow? Like all small towns, they want to stay small. You want the existing businesses to thrive, but until you convince more people to move here and encourage businesses to want to open shop here, nothing will change. A dying town is all you will have if this economy continues."

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Briefs

Free divorce clinic to be held

A free divorce clinic will take place at the Crawford County Courthouse on Feb. 21, at 5:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the 46th Judicial Circuit Bar Association, Legal Services of Northern Michigan Inc. and River House Shelter Inc. For information, call Legal Services at 989-705-1067.

Cross country skiing by lantern light

Hartwick Pines will be having Cross Country Skiing by Lantern Light on Feb. 14 and Feb. 28, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. This is a 1.25 mile trail lit by more than 65 kerosene lanterns. For more information, call 989-348-2537.

Hartwick Pines to hold winter lecture

Hartwick Pines will hold "The History of Michigan's State Forests," with special guest Bill Botti and a book signing, as part of their winter lecture series on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the Visitor Center. For more information, call Rob Burg at 989-348-2537 or e-mail burgr@michigan.gov.

Dinner show features Sopranos Three

The Sopranos Three will perform as part of the Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series with a dinner show at the Ramada Inn in Grayling on Thursday, Feb. 12. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available for \$30 at Riverland in uptown Grayling or at the door. For more information, call Riverland at 989-344-0047.

Annual wild turkey dinner to be held

The Annual National Wild Turkey Federation Sanctioned banquet/auction will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Grayling Eagles Club. The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., with the dinner and program at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Brian Brown at 989-275-1426.

Friends of the Library to hold meeting

Friends of the Library will hold their monthly meeting at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 10 a.m.

Church to hold extreme family night

The Resurrection Life Center will hold an extreme family night on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 5 p.m. There will be a hot dog and chili supper. Christ centered music, skits and puppetry will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call 348-1000.

Eagles to hold Valentine's dinner

The Grayling Eagles will hold a Valentine's Steak Dinner on Friday, Feb. 13, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 and includes steak, potato, vegetables, coleslaw, a roll and dessert. Dine in or carry out. Call 348-5287. Entertainment will follow.

Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. Parents of band students are encouraged to attend and become involved in activities that support the instrumental music program for all Grayling schools.

TEFAP food distribution to be held

TEFAP food will be distributed on Feb. 16, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., at St. Francis Episcopal Church.

GHS, GMS to host men's, women's volleyball tournaments

Registration is now open for two upcoming four-on-four volleyball tournaments.

The tournaments, which will be held at Grayling High School and Grayling Middle School, are for men and women (ages 16 and up). A parent-signed waiver is required for players that are 16 or 17.

The men's tournament will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 9 a.m. at Grayling High School. Teams must register by Feb. 25.

Registration forms for both tournaments are available at Grayling High

School.

The women's tournament is slated for Saturday, March 7, at 9 a.m. at Grayling Middle School. Teams must register by March 3.

The cost to participate in either one of the tournaments is \$15 per person. Teams can pay their fee on the day of the tournament.

Registration for each tournament is limited to the first 12 teams.

For more information, contact Jessica Szymoniak via e-mail at jszymoniak@casdk12.net with the subject "Volleyball Tournament."

Hospice to hold volunteer training

Mercy Hospice will be holding a volunteer training on Feb. 24 and 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Grayling Hospice Office, 324 Meadows Drive, Grayling.

Volunteers are needed to assist a growing number of families in the Mercy Hospice service area which covers Crawford, Roscommon and parts of Otsego, Ogemaw, Kalkaska and Oscoda counties. Volunteers are generally assigned to families within the community in which they reside.

Volunteers are an important part of the hospice interdisciplinary team which includes doctors, nurses, home health aides, social workers and spiritual care/bereavement counselors. Telephone calls are answered by a staff member available 24 hours a day who contacts the appropriate team member within 30 minutes.

Volunteers are asked to donate from two to four hours per week assisting a family with activities that could include respite, errands, light homemaking or socialization/companionship. Volunteers can also be involved in clerical work, bereavement and courier

service. Volunteers are especially needed for office support, computer support and respite care for families. Additional training is available for bereavement/grief volunteers.

The training program includes such topics as communication skills, family dynamics, grief/loss support and body mechanics presented by a combination of hospice staff and guest speakers from the community. "The information received in training proves beneficial to one's personal life as well as their volunteer activities," says Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator for Mercy Hospice. Patrick Hanafin, a volunteer for 11 years says, "I get much more from the clients than I give. They all have a story to tell, adventures to share and my job is to be there, listen and help where I can."

It takes a special person to be a Hospice volunteer. If you would like to register for training or for more information, contact the Mercy Hospice office at 989-344-4409 or 1-800-424-1457, from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or leave a message during nonbusiness hours.

CCEDP unveils plan to hold "Retail Roundtable"

The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) invites all retail owners or managers to attend a "Retail Roundtable." This roundtable will be held from 11:30 a.m. - noon on Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Grayling Charter Township Hall. "We will devote the last thirty minutes of our board meetings throughout 2009 to a different industry cluster each month," explained CCEDP Chair Kay Cosgray. "This concept emerged at our annual board retreat as a way to better serve existing businesses. We want business owners or managers in each cluster to tell us how CCEDP can best help that segment of our county's economy."

All business owners and managers are invited to attend the roundtable that fits the industry cluster of that Crawford County business, including home-based businesses.

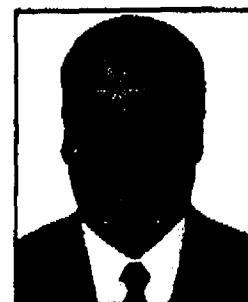
All CCEDP industry cluster "roundtables" will be held the last 30 minutes of the CCEDP Board meetings as follows: Forest Products - March 26; Medical - April 23; Tourism - May 28; Military - June 25; Warehouse Distribution - July 23; Education - August 27; Technology - September 24. Additional roundtables can be scheduled as necessary later in the year. All roundtables will be held at the Grayling Charter Township Hall from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

For more information or to receive a copy of the CCEDP "Retail Industry Cluster" Report by e-mail, contact Economic

Development Director Gaila Gilliland at 348-9030 or by e-mail at gailag@i2k.com.

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Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 9 of \$25 each; Ron McCleod, Jim Brown, Tina Bassett and Val Wheeler.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Feb. 6 was George Fenton.



Sunday 1:00 pm
Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465

The Bible Speaks

Can We Trust God's Love

The fifth and final question about the present assurance and future security of our salvation in Romans 8 concerns God's continuing love for us. "35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" (Romans 8:35). Just as Romans 8 begins with no condemnation, it ends with no separation by assuring us that nothing, "...shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

First, shall tribulation, anguish, and affliction separate us from God's love? The love of Jesus gives us peace even in tribulation in John 16:33. God's love gives us patience in tribulations in Romans 5:3. We know God's love because the God of all comfort, "...comforteth us in all our tribulation...." In 2 Corinthians 1:4.

Tribulation can never separate us from God's love. Second, shall distress, calamity, being crowded into a narrow place by obstacles separate us from God's love? The psalmist David said in Psalm 4:1: "Hear me when I call, O

God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer." "I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place." (Psalm 118:5). We also can know God's love in distress as He gives us breathing room to handle the situation.

Third, shall persecution separate us from God's love? On the contrary, it proves God's love. "12Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (2 Tim. 3:12). The first persecution was against the first church at Jerusalem following the stoning of deacon Stephen: "1And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles." (Acts 8:1). There is the "offense of the cross" and "persecution for the cross of Christ" to those who boldly proclaim the gospel of God's grace in Galatians 5:11 and 6:12. Persecution separates the false professors from true Christians in Mark 4:17.

Fourth, shall famine separate us from God's love? Or Fifth, shall

nakedness and cold separate us from God's love? Paul reminded us that some of the greatest Christians experienced such things in 2 Corinthians 11:27: "27In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness." Paul said in 1 Corinthians 4:11: "11Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace." Yet, God's love made Paul content as he said in Philippians 4:11: "... I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

Sixth, shall peril separate us from God's love? Paul reminded us of his perils in 2 Corinthians 11:26: "26In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren." No peril can separate us from God's love. Seventh, neither can the sword! Pastor "B"

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Church Directory

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001

Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church

Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974
www.mumc.org - Barrier Free
Traditional Service 9 am
Coffee Hour 10 am
Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade) 11 am
Adult Sunday School 10 am
Praise & Worship Service 11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist

Pastor: David Jorgensen
(989) 348-1909
Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable
off M-72 East (1st building on right inside
camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel

(Bible based and non-denominational)
Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Web Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Grayling Free Methodist

Pastor: Rick Seccord
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ

3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist

Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-1411
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
(1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God

Pastor: Gary Wodan
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Parsonage (989) 348-7466
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed) 7 pm

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message

7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday Worship 10 am

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Sunday Worship 11 am

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710 Spruce Street
(989) 348-5224
Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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8133 Bald Hill Rd.
Lovells

First Baptist Church of Frederic

Pastor: Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Unity Church of Today North

Minister: Terry Dickinson
Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study
available at thmd@freeway.net

Luzerne Baptist

Pastor: James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle

Pastor: Patricia Petrie - (989) 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth
Service 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
(van transportation available)

Community of Christ

Pastor: Ann Doty
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community

Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.
Parish Office - 707 Spruce
(989) 348-7657

Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses 10 am

St. Francis Episcopal

Reverend: Elizabeth Chace
M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850
Morning Prayer Tue-Fri 8:30 am
Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Center

Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann
Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738
reslifecenter.com
Phone: (989) 348-1000

Sunday Service 10:30 am

Midweek Services (Wed) 7 pm

E-mail: reslifefellowship@hotmail.com

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)

905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop
(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)
(989) 348-5921

Saturday Evening Worship Service 7 pm

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Calvary Baptist Church

Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett
M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ

Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. - (989) 275-8613
In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on
TV 29 & 8 7:30 am
Sunday Classes 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm

1st Sunday Evening of every month, there is no service

Midweek Bible Study (Wed.) 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle

Pastor: Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. - (989) 348-5325
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church

Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor: John Scott

705 Madsen St., Grayling - (989) 348-2557
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian

Pastor: David Rosenberg
Associate Pastor: Scott Hoffer
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday Church Service 10 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday School 9 am
Bible Study (Wed.) 7 pm
Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. 6:30 pm

Church Alive Church of God

Pastor: David Barker
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(231) 258-3448

Sunday School 10 am

Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm

Family Training Hour & Prayer
(Wednesday) 7 pm

St. Martin Ex. Lutheran (WELS)

Pastor: Douglas Carter
The Roscommon Community Center, 510
South St., Roscommon, MI
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New phone number (989) 275-3070

Sunday 9 am

Friendship Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry
Pastor: Rev. Dick Oberg
415 Ohio North, Gaylord

Sunday School 9 am

Morning Worship 10 am

Tue. Women's Bible Study 10 am

Wed. Men's Bible Study Noon

Grayling Valley Church of God

Pastor: Gary Thompson
(989) 422-3464 - (989) 344-0883

Meetings held at Ramada Inn

Sunday Night Potluck 5 pm

Sunday Service 6 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

President: David Stephenson
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord

Sacrament 10 am

Sunday School 11 am

Primary 11 am

Priesthood Noon

Relief Society Noon

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 51 complaints the week of Feb. 2-8.

One EMS response, one missing person, 10 general non-criminal complaints, two false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct-sexual assault, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, one burglary-no forced entry-residence, three larcenies, one larceny-other, one retail fraud theft first-degree, one family offense/abuse/

neglect, four public peace/disorderlies, four health and safeties, one conservation, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, two miscellaneous arrests, five traffic accidents, one accident-all other, one family trouble-domestic and seven suspicious situations.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Range Firing

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Feb. 19 and Feb. 24-25.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander

may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number is 989-348-6371. For further information, call 989-344-6100.

Library News

The Frederic Community Library will hold a Valentine's program, titled "Your Heart's Desire," on Saturday, Feb. 14, at 11 a.m. Call Connie Meyer, at 348-4067, to sign up for this program which includes stories, Valentine crafts and cookie decorating.

An after school program, called "Gross Out/Camp Out," will be held inside the

Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 3:30 p.m. The program will include a totally twisted scavenger hunt, a putrid picnic game and gross grub. To sign up, call Jane at 348-9214, ext. 205.

The Devereaux Memorial Library will hold a beginner's knitting workshop on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 6:30 p.m. To sign up, call Jane at 348-9214, ext. 205.

Honors

Madonna University
Carrie Rasmusson, of Grayling, was recently

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Births



Jamie and Marty Harris announce the birth of their daughter, Delaney Brooke, born at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids on November 9, 2008, at 9:37 a.m., weighing 2 lbs., 5 ozs., and measuring 14 1/4 inches in length.

Delaney's grandparents are Brian and Kim Pratt of Grayling and the late Edwin and Dorothy Harris of Grayling and Petoskey.

Carolyn Diane and Andrew Richard Sutton, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Isaiah Dean, born at Mercy Hospital on January 30, 2009, at 7:40 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 10 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Brittany Tarnowski and Nicolas Bratcher, of Roscommon, announce the birth of a son, Quynce Michael, born at Mercy Hospital on January 31, 2009, at 1:15 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 3.2 ozs., and measuring 18 inches in length.

Dorothy Zarnick and Richard Greene, of Roscommon, announce the birth of a daughter, Autumn Irene Noelle, born at Mercy Hospital on January 28, 2009, at 10:17 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 12 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

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St. Germain, Spero wed



Jessica St. Germain and Dustin Spero

Jessica Marie St. Germain and Dustin Robert Spero were united in marriage on June 21, surrounded by lush gardens at the English Inn in Eaton Rapids. They exchanged vows in the pergola overlooking the Grand River, accompanied by a string quartet with family and friends in attendance.

Jessica is the daughter of Gerald St. Germain and Deborah Isaacsen of Grayling.

Dustin is the son of Tim and Lori McLaughlin of Harland.

The bride and her bridesmaids wore exquisite gowns from designer Melissa Sweet. The groom and his groomsmen wore coordinating tuxes.

Jillian St. Germain, sister of the bride, and Jennifer Jurkovich, friend of the bride, were co-maids of honor. Other attendants were Abbie Harding and Audrey LaMere.

Eric Sorg and Kris Secker, friends of the groom, were co-best men. Craig Pheis and Adam

Birzgalis served as groomsmen.

Sabrina Junttila, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl and Jackson DeWitt, cousin of the groom, was the ringbearer. Serving as ushers were Isaac Tobin, cousin of the bride, Ryan McLaughlin, brother of the groom, and Derek Arnett, friend of the groom.

The wedding reception was held in the gorgeously decorated Medovue Ball Room, with a sit down dinner immediately following a cocktail reception on the terrace, both on the grounds of the English Inn.

The couple spent a fabulous week on the beach in St. Lucia in the British Virgin Islands for their honeymoon.

Jessica is a graduate of CMU and is employed with Stryker Instruments.

Dustin is a graduate of CMU and is employed with Dynamic Technology Inc.

The couple resides in Kalamazoo, along with their labradoodle Sunny, in their newly purchased home.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Feb. 13 - Lunch-breaded cod, red potatoes, broccoli cuts and fresh fruit salad. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 12 p.m. Frederic and Maple Forest Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Saturday, Feb. 14 - Foot clinic, cost is \$15. Call 821-5428 for an appointment and bring your own towel.

Monday, Feb. 16 - Lunch - chicken stir-fry with rice, brown rice, peas and a plum. Dinner - pork chop, glazed sweet potatoes, asparagus and applesauce. 1 p.m. Bridge, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. TEFAP.

Tuesday, Feb. 17 - Lunch - Swedish meatballs with noodles, carrots, green beans and cinnamon applesauce. Dinner - baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts and pears. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 12:30 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar

checks.

Wednesday, Feb. 18 - Lunch - smoked sausage, sauerkraut, corn and peaches. Dinner - stuffed cabbage, green beans, carrots, oranges and grapefruit and jello. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, 2 p.m. caregiver class, 5:30 p.m. Price is Right game show.

Thursday, Feb. 19 - Lunch - pork roast with stuffing, broccoli, cauliflower and honey-nut apples. Dinner - beef stroganoff, mixed vegetables, cauliflower and pineapple. 10 a.m. craft class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Honors

Northern Michigan University

Northern Michigan University announced the Dean's List for the Fall 2008 semester. The following students qualified with a grade point average of 3.25 - 3.99. Wendy Paul and Ian Rothe of Frederic and Benjamin Lucey of Grayling.

Obituaries

Harold G. Stouffer

Harold G. (Hal) Stouffer, 67, of Houghton Lake, passed away on February 7, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Ann Stouffer of Houghton Lake; daughter, Linda (Jerry) Krassau of Hudson, Wis.; son, Craig (Kathleen Allen) Stouffer of Kalamazoo; sisters, Joyce (John) Schlitt of Hacienda Heights, Calif., Rachel (David) Stanford of Massillon, Ohio; brother, Daniel (Ruth) Stouffer of Houghton Lake; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Bessie Stouffer of Houghton Lake.

In lieu of a funeral, a Celebration of Life party is being planned for the end of July.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Markey Firefighters Association, 2113 N. Markey Road, Houghton Lake, MI 48629, Attn: Jerry Wyckoff.

Arrangements made by Christler Funeral Home - Prudenville Chapel.

Kathy Butler

Kathy (Waterman) Butler, 64, of Roscommon, passed away on January 29, 2009.

A funeral service was held on February 3 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Roscommon.

Arrangements were made by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Honors

U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Walter Waite reenlisted at Security Service Field prior to a Colorado Springs Sky Sox baseball game held last month. An avid baseball fan and Sky Sox buff, his chain-of-command found it fitting that Waite's ceremony should be held on the pitcher's mound prior to a Sky Sox game. Waite was home on leave to attend the birth of his third child when the ceremony was scheduled. His wife and three children attended the ceremony and his 10-year-old son was invited to throw the first pitch.

"When I got the call from Walter Waite's chain-of-command, asking if it was possible to have the ceremony at the game, I couldn't have been more happy to help with the request," said Mark Wild, vice president of Colorado Lending for Security Service. "I called Tony Ensor, General Manager of the AAA Baseball Club at the Sky Sox, and asked for his assistance. He was more than happy to accommodate us."

SSG Waite recently returned to Iraq where he is anxiously awaiting the end of his tour so he can return home to his wife and kids. In the meantime, SSG Waite follows the Sky Sox team closely at his headquarters in Iraq.

SSG "Chip" Waite is a 1995 GHS graduate. He joined the Army in 1997.

He is the son of Judy Trailer of Traverse City.

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* Deck out the bathroom -- Transform the bathroom into a room of imagination. Let your kids dream up a theme for the bathroom -- like an underwater adventure -- and then make it come to

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* Be a role model -- Children are more likely to brush if they see their parents practicing oral health care regularly ... and willingly. Invite the kids into the bathroom and give them a proper

lesson on keeping teeth healthy. Make it a family affair that's fun.

* Turn on the tunes -- Allow the kids to brush along to their favorite tunes. Songs typically last two to three minutes, the ideal time needed for proper brushing. Plus, if they brush to a favorite song, the enjoyment factor may make them more likely to hit the bathroom to brush.

* Clean competition -- Plan a family-friendly competition once a week. Ask your dentist or pharmacy for little red pills or tablets that you chew to see how clean teeth are after brushing (known as disclosing tablets). Load up everyone's toothbrushes with their favorite flavor of Fructodent toothpaste, and brush away. After the allotted time, chew the tablets and examine teeth. The one with the best results gets a prize -- like a night out for pizza or a favorite toy.

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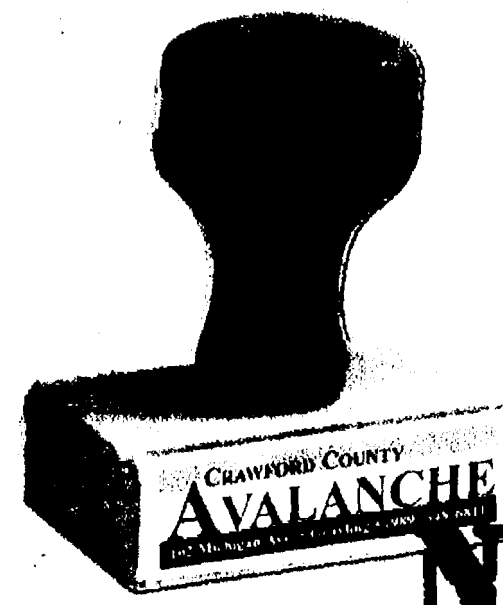
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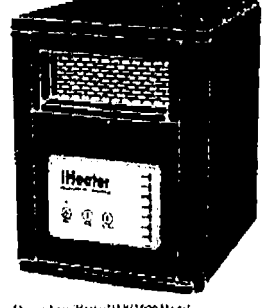
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Commissioners continue studying projects

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Alice Snyder, the director of the Crawford County Commission on Aging, said moving the senior center to the Grayling Fish Hatchery building or building from the ground up are the two remaining options.

Twenty-six acres owned by Crawford County, located east of the AuSable River and south of North Down River Road, has emerged as a new senior center location. Property owned by Carl W. Borchers VFW Post #3736 on Madsen Street remains a viable option. Property located off of Roberts Road in Grayling Township has been deemed too small for potential building expansions and the added services the senior center would provide.

Initially, the COA board believed it needed 8,000 square feet for the senior center. Consultants, however, recommended planning for a building between 12,000 and 13,000 square feet.

Providing adult care, offering woodshop and expanding health and fitness classes are activities that would be added with future building expansion plans. Snyder also said Baby Boomers moving to northern Michigan would cause the number of people the agency serves to spike.

"By the time this gets done, wherever it gets done, that generation is going to be moving toward the people we serve," Snyder said.

The estimated costs for senior center building options are \$1.2 million for a new building and \$1.8 million to renovate the fish hatchery building.

Jack Mahank, chairman of the COA board, noted that Crawford County has the second smallest and second oldest senior center in the

region, while dealing with the largest growth in the population of senior citizens.

"We've got a problem," Mahank said "We're eliminating services now. We are not serving all the people we would like to serve."

Crawford County Commissioner Rick Anderson said that access to the City of Grayling's water and sewer service would be a large factor in attempting to get federal or state funds for housing that may be located adjacent to the senior center. Visibility and accessibility were other priorities Anderson considered vital to the senior center.

The county property is in the City of Grayling, but Snyder said she spoke with J.C. Millikin of Millikin's Inc. about an on-site septic system and water well. Snyder said an on-site system could accommodate the senior center's water usage.

The current senior center on Lawndale Street is leased from the Grayling Housing Commission. The housing commission oversees the rental of apartments located by the senior center.

Snyder said the COA board and officials have no interest in becoming landlords.

"I don't think we have any intention at this point to get into the housing business," Snyder said "We are a senior center and that has nothing to do with housing. Certainly, we would like to partner and help senior housing come to Grayling."

The District Health Department #10 has also grown out of space to provide adequate services. The current health department office, located at 201 Meadows Drive, is 1,700 square feet and needs about 4,000 square feet of space to fulfill the agency's mission.

Linda VanGillis, health officer for District Health Department #10, said the cramped quarters means they can't do local hearing and vision screenings. The health department also can't offer multiple clinics, such as educating parents on the Women, Infant and Children Nutrition Program and providing immunizations to

children. Finally, the health sanitation's office located in the basement makes it difficult for the public to access services.

"In terms of serving the public, it really is just not adequate, and based on the economy, the demand for our services is growing and the demand will continue to grow," VanGillis said.

County officials are hopeful that borrowing \$3 million will draw a lower interest rate and allow payment to fit within the county's annual budget.

About \$120,000 in funds will be freed up, from an expansion of the Crawford County Jail and the installation of new heating and cooling units for the courthouse building, to pay for the courthouse improvements. The last bond payment for the jail expansion will be made in June.

Commissioner Scott Hanson said he would not support issuing bonds unless a millage was put before voters or more refined numbers were produced on the financing.

"I am not comfortable whatsoever taking on an additional burden without a millage at all," Hanson said.

County Treasurer Joe Wakeley and Administrator Paul Compo have been crunching numbers. Compo estimated that payment on the bonds would be between \$212,000 and \$215,000 annually. Compo said that the future of state revenue sharing, property values and the national economic crisis are other factors to consider.

"The economy isn't turning around and everything I've read says it's not going to any time soon," Compo said. "It's going to take a long time to recover and property values are going down. The state is always a wildcard in this."

Compo said every funding source has not been explored and the board's audit committee would meet to discuss the financing.

Wakeley said the court house preservation fund, collected from fees placed on traffic tickets and court cases, could be tapped for courthouse renovations. The county also has a tax revolving fund as a rainy day fund. Wakeley said the county bonds to obtain money for taxes owed. The county then disperses the funds to each governmental entity in Crawford County to cover their yearly budgets. When the taxes are finally paid, the county collects interest on the funds as well as an administrative processing

fee. The current tax revolving fund has \$1 million in the account. Wakeley added that funds from the sale of foreclosed properties, when the taxes have not been paid for three years, is also generating some income for the county. He said that the fund will build slowly over time, and fluctuates from year to year.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the board of commissioners, voted against moving the financing plan forward until more homework and planning are completed.

"I have no issue with the concept that we're looking at, it's just the dollars and cents," Stephenson said.

Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman favored having the senior center and health department located near Mercy Hospital Grayling and adjacent to medical and dental offices.

Commissioner Mike Lange believes the senior center and health department can be located under one roof in the fish hatchery if a separate building cannot be found for the health department. Senior center officials have pledged \$200,000 from a building fund for a one time payment toward the bonds.

Lange said having the senior center and health department joined together would create an intergenerational link between Mercy Hospital and Mercy Manor patients, Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary School students and Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library patrons.

"The building is just sitting there and at some point in time it's going to fall into the ground if we don't do something with it," Lange said. "Sometimes you have to be bold and sometimes you have to have foresight."

If the board approves full funding for all three projects, or a combination of the projects, at its Feb. 18 meeting, a public notice would then be required. The public notice, which would be in the Thursday, Feb. 25, edition of the *Crawford County Avalanche*, would inform citizens of a 45-day referendum on the bond sale proposal. If 10 percent of registered voters in the county sign petitions protesting the bond sale, the financing measure would have to be placed on a ballot to be decided by voters.

The process for the bond sale needs to start soon, since county officials hope to start the courthouse face-lift this summer.

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Supreme Court deems discharge into headwaters of AuSable River illegal

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Merit Energy was not granted riparian rights to build a pipeline for the clean up plan and to let the water flow into the creek.

In the fall of 2008, Merit Energy asked the Michigan Court of Appeals to consider an appeal of Judge Murphy's ruling. Court of Appeals Justices denied the request based on a lack of merit, since Murphy's decision in the case was an appeal of a DEQ administrative law judge's ruling in the matter.

Merit Energy again asked the Court of Appeals to reconsider its denial, but the justices again declined to hear the case.

Merit Energy then asked the Michigan Supreme Court to consider its appeal of Murphy's decision. Instead of granting leave to hear the appeal, Supreme Court Justices ordered the Court of Appeals to hear the case.

On Dec. 31, 2008, Janney Mayer Simpson and the Anglers of the AuSable asked the Supreme Court to reconsider its decision.

Last week, the Supreme Court reversed its earlier order and denied Merit Energy's appeal. Supreme Court Justices also ruled that Merit Energy's permit to discharge into Kolke Creek was illegal and it was vacated.

"The Supreme Court got it right this time," said Rusty Gates, president of the Anglers of the AuSable. "The AuSable River will remain protected unless the MDEQ decides to give Merit Energy another chance to ruin this great river."

Jim Olson, an attorney from the Traverse City law firm Olson, Bzdok and Howard PC, which specializes in environmental law, said property owners and conservationists won out at the end of the battle.

"It took some convincing, but the Supreme Court saw its errors and made the right decision," Olson said. "This is a great day for the AuSable River and the citizens of Michigan. Today, our laws worked."

Since last fall, Merit Energy has used an infiltration pond and has injected treated water at the site of the oil well production facility while the battle over the permit was waged.

"Merit Energy and the MDEQ should stop looking at Kolke Creek as a ditch and start looking at it as a pristine headwaters ecosystem," said Jeff Jocks, another attorney for the Olson, Bzdok and Howard law firm. "Let this end."

Susan Hlywa Topp, an attorney from Topp Law, PLC, in Gaylord, which also specializes in environmental law, said she was pleased to protect the property rights of Janney Mayer Simpson.

"My clients are very

pleased that Merit Energy no longer has a permit that would allow them to destroy their property," Topp said. "Hopefully, the MDEQ will not allow Merit Energy to again convince them that it is a good idea to discharge waste water into the headwaters of the AuSable River."

Gates vowed that the Anglers of the AuSable would keep a sharp eye on the Merit Energy clean up issue as well as similar sites contaminated by oil and gas firms near trout streams.

"If Merit Energy goes back to the MDEQ for another permit, the Anglers of the AuSable will be there to intervene and stop it again," Gates said. "We are also watching similar contaminated sites that are close to other trout streams in northern Michigan. Any attempt to discharge would bring an immediate response. We will not give up."

"Michigan Chillers" author collaborates with GES students on charity project

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links of pets that are available for adoption.

"The videos allow the shelter to give (the animals) a more personal feel," Wright said.

Wright also serves as the president of the board for the Northern Michigan Animal Rescue Network.

"It goes back to creating awareness ... these dogs are there, these cats are there," he said.

The main purpose of the online "pet videos" is to give potential pet owners from out of town the chance to meet some of the animals before they make the drive to Grayling.

"We had somebody come up from Novi last week," Wright said.

The video project is sponsored by 11 Grayling businesses. In exchange for their support, these businesses

will be linked to the animal shelter web site.

In addition to helping the shelter, the project gave participating students a chance to work on their public speaking skills.

Public speaking is part of the regular curriculum for GES students. Nearly all of the participating students nailed their video performance in one take.

After the kids had their time in the spotlight, it was time for Wright to take the stage. The entire elementary school was invited to an hour long lecture that was filled with plenty of jokes and more than a few words of wisdom.

"I think it's important to know that when I was your age ... I had no idea I was going to write books," Wright said.

According to Wright, the real key to writing a good

chiller is for the author to master his or her spooky laugh. Students were given plenty of opportunity to work on their own chilling chuckles. Plenty of regular laughter ended up in the mix.

"I think that he inspires the kids to want to write," GES Principal Melissa Stone said. "He lets them know that they can do it, too."

She added that GES students are generally "huge fans" of Wright's book series.

Wright is the author of four separate children's book series, including the "Michigan Chillers" and "American Chillers" series. According to GES librarian Karen Coe, 75 percent of the library's inventory of these books are checked out at all times.

"Especially boys who were reluctant readers were reading those books," Coe

said.

Wright's next American Chiller, entitled "Kentucky Komodo Dragons," will be released in May. There is also a new Michigan Chiller slated for release in the near future.

A different author will meet with GES students next year. According to Coe, meeting successful authors can give kids a huge boost.

"To me, it's really important," she said.

Honors

Michigan Technological University

Michigan Tech released those named to the Dean's List for the fall 2008 semester, recognizing those who have achieved grade point

averages of 3.5 or higher. Those earning straight A averages of 4.0 are indicated with an asterisk. Among the honorees from the Grayling area were Austin B. Andrus*, Travis R.

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Trimester schedule results in improved student achievement at Grayling High School

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 who need it as well as opportunities for others to benefit from other elective classes that are offered.

Attendance has also been improved, with the school schedule offering a faster pace and more flexibility to students.

"If we can get kids in their seats more, we have the opportunity to give them more education and a greater chance to succeed," Powers said.

Test scores on the Michigan Merit Exam, the state mandated test to meet a school's adequate yearly progress required under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, increased by 10 percent in six subject areas. A portion of the Michigan Merit Exam includes the ACT writing exam. Scores on the overall ACT tests, which is taken by all college bound students, increased by seven percent.

Although school curriculum advisors predicted that less students would enroll in

advanced placement courses, Grayling High School's enrollment in advanced placement classes has increased by 44 percent.

"We are very, very happy with the results the high school staff and students have been able to achieve and absolutely believe the change to trimesters has been extremely positive and successful," Powers said.

Along with the change in class schedules, a number of safeguards and interventions have been put in place to help both the staff and students make the most of their time together.

A Student Achievement Team meets weekly to discuss faltering or struggling students. The Freshmen Five mentoring program was formed to help foster relationships. In addition, teachers work in Professional Learning Communities that meet weekly to discuss strategies, student work and also work with students once per month in an academic center environment during their preparation periods. Students who don't require the extra intervention attend a Grayling Viking Renaissance assembly, where they are recognized with hero, gold, silver or bronze designations for their academic performance and attendance.

"We have changed several things on how we do business at Grayling High School," Grayling High School Principal Doniel

Pummell said.

The trimester schedule has been deemed especially beneficial for freshmen entering the new academic environment at the high school.

"Trimesters have been great, especially for those incoming freshmen who are being required by the state to accumulate more credits than in the past," Language Arts Teacher Meredith Anderson said.

Having students in 70-minute classes allows teachers to cover more topics and course work with students.

"Meeting with students every day allows for less review and greater retention," Grayling High School Science Teacher Doug Pummell said.

Although most school districts switched to the trimester system to meet state and federal mandates, Doniel Pummell said offering more flexibility to students and staff to achieve success was the main focus for Grayling.

In 2010, Grayling High School will switch from its Top 10 graduating class, recognized for their grade point averages and ACT test scores, to an honor system that factors in data from the trimester schedule.

"It encourages all kids to excel and to take risks," Doniel Pummell said. "All students who are achieving will get recognized."

The trimesters have received a passing grade from students.

Senior Will Fowler said he appreciates being able to balance school work with his student athlete pursuits.

"In Grayling High School, I like how we have trimesters because it gives us less homework," Fowler said. "Also, I like our sports programs, because we have great coaches and they work with their athletes so they can succeed to the best of their ability."

Sophomore Iva Haven said she likes having a variety of classes to choose from and the opportunity to take a time out between difficult courses.

"With trimesters, you have a chance to earn more credits, take more classes and you have an opportunity to take breaks between hard classes," Haven said.

Senior Courtney Nelson said she appreciates having the extra class time with teachers while the Grayling Viking Renaissance assemblies are being held.

"I like having the Grayling Viking Renaissance assemblies because it helps with the kids wanting to get better grades so they can be in the Grayling Viking Renaissance assemblies," Nelson said. "And, when you are failing a class, you have an intervention day where you can go to the class you are failing and get a chance to get your grade up while the other students are at the Grayling Viking Renaissance assembly."

Water warning continued

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

Grayling City officials ask businesses and residents to continue running one indoor faucet at all times to prevent frozen water pipes.

To be sufficient, residents are urged to run the water in

a constant stream the approximate size of a pencil.

"Please do not turn your water off with the nice weather," said Chad Beckett, director of the City of Grayling's Department of Public Works. "The warm weather only drives frost down further."

The City of Grayling will

notify residents and businesses in the spring when it is safe to turn the water off. In addition, the water bills will be adjusted, based on an average of past billing cycles, to accommodate for the added water usage, Beckett said.

For more information, call the Grayling City Hall at 348-2131.

Grayling Police Report

The Grayling City Police Chief reports the department handled the following complaints during the period of Feb. 1 - Feb. 7:

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GHS hosts Solo and Ensemble music event

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

For the first time ever, Grayling High School (GHS) hosted the Solo and Ensemble Festival for band students. Players from 28 northern Michigan schools attended the event, where they got to show off their skills to a panel of judges from throughout this part of the state.

"This is a wonderful facility for hosting Solo and Ensemble," said Cindy Eagan, a band director from Manistee with 28 years of teaching experience.

She said it was well worth it for her students to make the trip to GHS.

"This kind of event is really valuable for students because they have an opportunity to be critiqued by someone other than their own director," Eagan said.

Student performances are judged on several categories, including tone, intonation, rhythm, general technique and interpretation.

Players who score well in all categories receive a score of "one." Any student who gets this score is invited to play at the state level Solo and Ensemble event in March.

According to Grayling

Viking Band Director Matt Bishop, a lot of students from throughout the region will be headed to the statewide event next month.

"All the directors in district two should be pretty proud," Bishop said.

GHS senior Ross Teeple, who also participates in football and basketball, was among the musicians who earned a one.

"It was good. It was better than I thought it would be," Teeple said.

When asked whether he thought of music practice as work, Teeple responded with a definite "no."

"I just like music. It keeps me going," he said. "I see band mostly as fun."

Bishop believes that this sentiment was shared by most of his pupils.

"They've been having a super time," he said.

Teeple (alto saxophone solo), Leo Johnson (trombone solo), Chelsea Chamblee (bassoon solo), Chamblee and Emily Wingard (bassoon duet), Harley Timmons (clarinet solo), Mollie Coe and Heaven Daniel (flute duet) and Leigha Stevens (baritone solo) are the GHS students qualified for the state level Solo and Ensemble event on Mar. 28 in Manistee.



Grayling High School sophomore Nicholas Sanford practices his instrument shortly before performing for a judge. "It's just fun to play," Sanford said.

The brass quintet of Aaron Nemeth (tuba), Stevens (baritone), Chamblee (bassoon) and Johnson (trombone) also qualified.

Daniel (flute solo), Nicholas Sanford (tenor saxophone solo), Kristen Todoroff (alto saxophone solo), Wingard (bassoon solo), Shelby Castillo (alto saxophone solo), Jessica Moran (baritone solo), Jessica Moran and Sanford (baritone/tenor saxophone duet) and Timmons (flute solo) are the GHS students

who participated in the festival and earned a second division rating.

Chili Cook Off winners announced

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

A true clash of the titans took place last Sunday when several area cooks faced off in a competition to deliver the ultimate chili dish to local judges.

The chili cook off was part of the Winter Fun Days festivities at Hanson Hills.

The cook off was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary #106.

Submissions were made by the Commission on Aging, Dawson & Steven's Classic Diner, Hanson Hills and two from the Ramada Inn.

Rather than using a panel of judges, voting was handled by guests at the event. After many bowls of

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One of the Ramada Inn's entries took second place. The Commission on Aging took third.

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- Forget what your mother told you about snacking between meals. Nutritious snacks made of fresh, unprocessed foods will help keep your energy level up over the course of the day. A handful of nuts, some carrot sticks or slices of fruit are good choices.
- Stay hydrated with fruit juice, skim milk or water.
- Don't skip breakfast. It may seem like an easy way to lose weight, but you'll find that instead of feeling lighter, you'll feel lightheaded or even sluggish. If making breakfast is too much of a hassle, grab something nutritious to eat on the go.



Eggs are a good source of protein, which will keep you energized in the morning.

When you do cook breakfast, forgo the sweet stuff and choose protein instead - eggs or egg substitutes are good energy-builders when paired with a slice of whole grain toast. High-fiber cereal, such as oatmeal, also provides long-lasting energy.

- Sit down to eat - but not in front of the TV. Focusing your attention on the television instead of what is on your plate could lead to overeating.
- Watch your evening portions. Eating a large meal before bed is hardly energy-efficient. Instead, make sure your body gets energy when it needs it most: when you're awake. A good breakfast and lunch, along with midday snacks and a light dinner, will keep your energy level on an even keel throughout the day.

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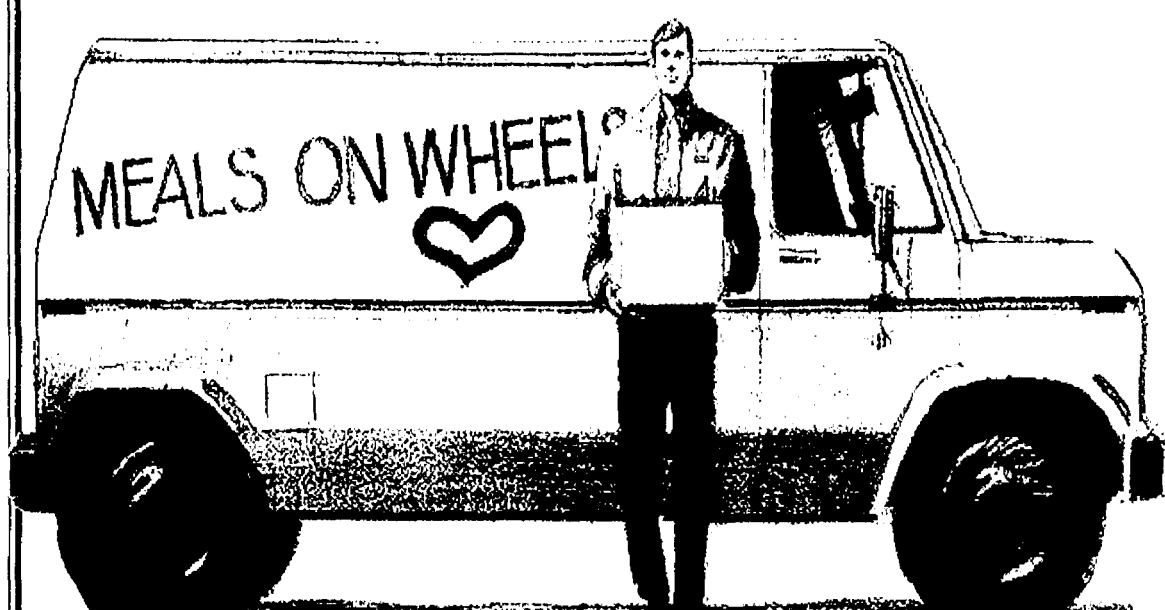
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Area Events

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The softball tournament kicks off Saturday morning at the snow field at Shepler's Ferry in downtown St. Ignace. This is an unlimited arc softball tournament played over two days. The tournament is structured for teams of nine to 12 players split into divisions for men and co-ed. The team entry fee is \$200, which includes a three-game guarantee, winter Budweiser sports-wear, Kewadin Casino Gold Tokens and lunch. First and second place winners will receive trophies. Budweiser will also provide free taxi service from any St. Ignace bar to your hotel/motel.

Registration information is available online at www.stignace.com or contact Mark Sposito at 906-643-7482 or marksposto@yahoo.com.

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At the end of the season, you can return your plastic container to the township recycling center or simply save it for next year.

Have your own recycling suggestion? Share it with the community! Send an e-mail to comments@crawfordcountyavalanche.com or write to "Crawford County Avalanche," P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. Look for a new recycling tip in next week's column.

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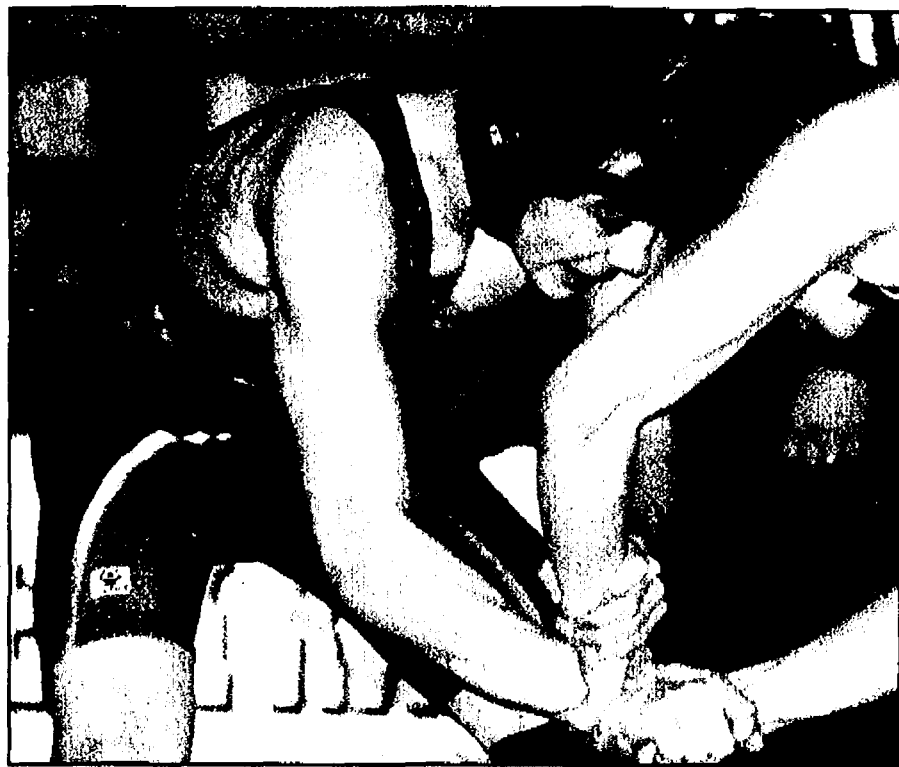
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Will Fowler (135), left, grapples with a Kalkaska opponent on Wednesday at Elk Rapids. Josh Moggo (140), right, wrestles against Elk Rapids.



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Grayling wins 2nd consecutive conference wrestling title

Vikings post 10-0 record in league meets

The Grayling Vikings clinched their second consecutive Lake Michigan Conference title last week, combining a 10-0 record in league meets with a first place finish at Saturday's LMC championship meet.

The Vikings finished their regular season league schedule with a meet vs. Kalkaska and Elk Rapids at Elk Rapids on Wednesday night.

Grayling defeated the Kalkaska Blazers 66-12.

In the first match of the meet, Will Fowler (135) won a 5-2 decision. Josh Moggo (140) won by default. Grayling forfeited at 145.

Cody Collen (152) won by pin

in the first round. Derek Babbitt (160) won by default. Shane Grove (171) won by pin in the second round.

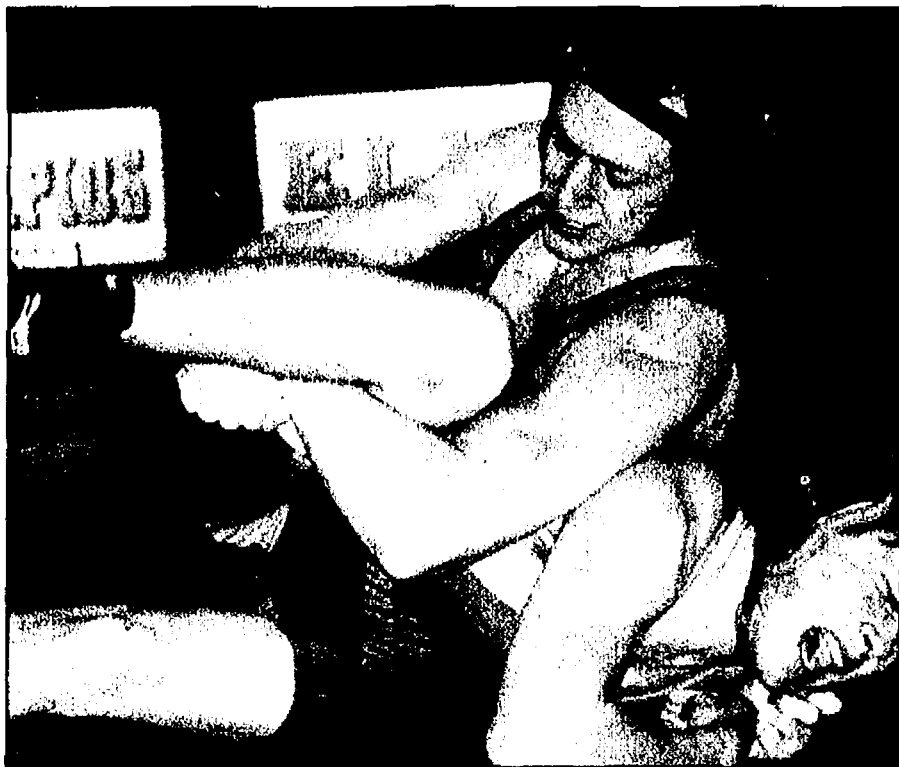
Joey Contreras (189), Matt Townsend (215), Kyle Peters (heavyweight), Jerry Bergey (103), and Cody Elmy (112) all won by default.

Kalkaska won the 119-pound

weight class with a second round pin.

Joe White (125) won a 15-9 decision for Grayling. Dan Duvall (130), in the final weight class of the meet, scored a pin in the first round.

Grayling outscored Elk Rapids 70-9 to finish its league See **GRAYLING** | 4B



Cody Collen (145), left, wrestles against Elk Rapids on Wednesday night. Shane Grove (171), right, battles a Kalkaska opponent during last week's league meet at Elk Rapids.



Vikings fall to Rayders in overtime

Charlevoix outscores GHS 15-4 in OT

The Grayling Vikings lost to the visiting Charlevoix Rayders 73-62 in a varsity boys basketball contest that had to be decided in overtime on Friday night.

Grayling led 15-13 at the end of the first quarter. The Vikings had a one-point advantage, 23-22, at halftime. Charlevoix led 39-36 going into the fourth quarter. At the end of regulation, the score was tied at 58-58.

The Rayders outscored Grayling 15-4 in overtime to win the game by 11.

"Exciting game for our fans. I was very pleased with our defensive effort in this game. Our defensive pressure was outstanding. We forced Charlevoix into 30 turnovers and were able to take them out of their offensive flow," Coach Rich Moffit said.

"Our bench play provided energy to our team. Tyler Steffey had one of the best games of his career with 21 points, eight boards, and five blocks. Spencer Dean did an outstanding job of distributing the ball. Trent Larm had eight huge points during our crucial run in the fourth quarter. (Freshman) Steven Enos scored six points during crunch time," Coach Moffit said.

"Our free throw shooting hurt, hitting 10 of 21. Also, we turned the ball over (down) the stretch during crucial times," Coach Moffit said.

Leading scorers for Grayling included: Steffey, 21 points, 8 rebounds, 5 blocks; Larm, 16 points, 4 rebounds; Enos, 8 points; Dean, 7 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals, 6 assists; Colin Hamlin, 4 points, 5 rebounds; Alex Gabriel, 4 points, 4 rebounds.

"Our team is improving. Hopefully, we will build on our performance and play solid (during) the final few weeks of the season," Coach Moffit said.

The Vikings (5-6 overall, 3-5 conference) will play at Harbor Springs on Friday, Feb. 13.

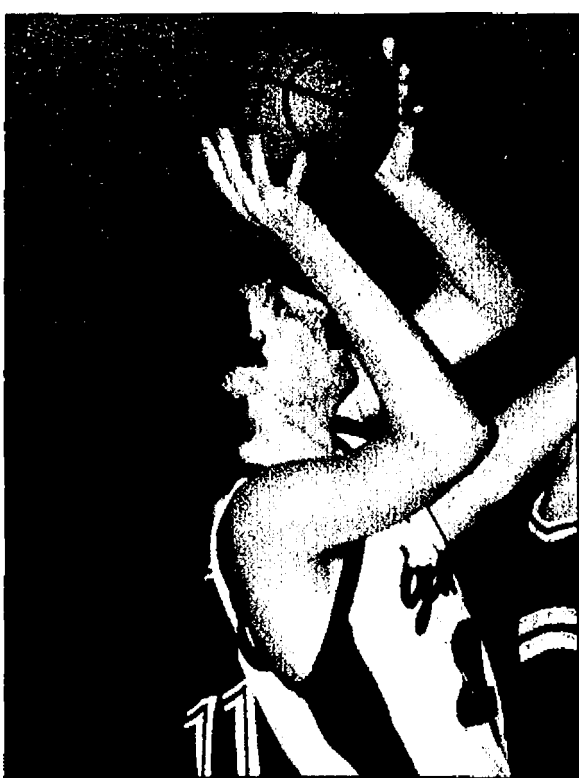


Photo by Caleb Casey

Griffin Dean shoots for the Vikings on Thursday night.

JV team wins with 9-0 run in final 3:30

Vikings defeat Charlevoix 60-56 on Thursday

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling Vikings outscored the visiting Charlevoix Rayders 9-0 in the final 3:30 of last Thursday's junior varsity boys basketball contest, giving Grayling a 60-56 victory.

The Vikings got off to a strong start — they led 25-12 after one quarter — but Grayling battled turnover issues for the last three periods, and Charlevoix fought its way back into the game.

See **JV TEAM** | 3B

Winter Fun Days brings thousands of skiers to Hanson Hills

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

If your idea of fun involves putting on your favorite pair of swim trunks and a coconut bikini before heading down the ski hill, odds are you were at the Hanson Hills Winter Fun

Days event last weekend.

The event had plenty to offer those who prefer their winter athletic activities on the more serious side, too.

The winter celebration kicked off on Friday night with the park's regular dollar night.

The casual skiing event featured live music and on-location broadcasting from 98.5 WUPS.

"We had over 1,000 people skiing on Friday night," event director Joni Duncel said.

The main events began on

Saturday, starting with the Sled Box Race at 1:30 p.m. Participants raced down the hill in sleds made primarily of cardboard and duct tape.

"It's just a lot of fun," Duncel said.

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Photo by Matt Seager

The brave "Swim Suit Slalom" participants (from left to right) included Riley Zigila, Mike Olson, Nick Terry, Dustin Knight, Paige Scheer and Brandon Burrick. Their only prize for participating was a series of cheers from onlookers. Apparently, skiing half naked is its own reward.



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JV basketball squad falls to Boyne, Charlevoix

Grayling High School's junior varsity girls basketball team lost by eight points, 31-23, at Boyne City on Tuesday night.

"The girls played well but struggled putting the ball in the basket," Coach Craig Hofman said. "We had a few defensive lapses in the third quarter, which was the difference in the game, but we had a lot of chances in the fourth quarter to score and win the game."

"We held Boyne City to zero points on field goals in the fourth quarter, but give them credit for hitting 7 of 11 free throws to stretch a five-point lead to an eight-point lead and hold us off," Coach Hofman said. "I know the girls are frustrated with the shooting. We had at least seven open shots that we did not convert on. Our defense is doing their job. Our offense continues to work but not finish, and that is the difference and has been the difference for us in several games this year."

"We also had way too many unforced turnovers against a team that does not pressure the ball well," Coach Hofman said. "Part of our struggle on offense is making simple plays like good passes. We continue to work on these in practice and will improve."

Leading scorers for GHS included: Shalee Miller, 9 points; Ann Hamlin, 5 points, 5 rebounds; Carlie



Katlyn Nye dribbles the ball for Grayling.

Money, 3 points; Hali Miller, 2 points, 3 rebounds; Jamie Denton, 2 points; Haley Wiseman, 2 points.

On Thursday night, the Vikings lost 46-13 vs. Charlevoix in a game played at GHS.

"Despite the score, the girls really improved over the last time that we played Charlevoix. We really played some outstanding defense at times and made Charlevoix work for all of their points this time. The girls did a much better job rebounding and were aggressive during the entire game. The game seemed a lot closer than it was because we had a lot of scoring opportunities," Coach Hofman said.

"Unlike in our first game, we created offensively and handled the press much bet-

ter, but we could not put the ball in the basket. Against good teams you need to score to keep the pressure on them, which we did in the first quarter."

"Defensively, we continued to play well, only giving up 16 points in the second half. The improvement between the first and second game was huge. Defensively, offensively, and attitude wise I was happy with the effort," Coach Hofman said.

Leading scorers for GHS were: S. Miller, 4 points; Money, 2 points, 1 steal; Ashley Jensen, 2 points; Hamlin, 3 points, 6 rebounds, 4 steals; H. Miller, 2 points, 4 rebounds.

Grayling (4-11 overall) will play at Elk Rapids on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m.

Varsity girls lose 62-34 at Boyne

The GHS varsity girls basketball squad lost 62-34 in a Lake Michigan Conference contest at Boyne City on Tuesday night.

"We missed several opportunities to score and it seemed Boyne City could not miss. Boyne City had a great shooting night," Coach Kelly Sheehan said.

Leading scorers for the Vikings were: Abbey Thomas, 9 points, 9 rebounds, 3 assists; Sam Schreiber, 8 points, 3 steals; Mackenzie Harwood, 7 points, 8 rebounds; Laura Boylan, 7 points, 10 rebounds. Teresa Schreiber had four steals.

On Friday, the Vikings lost 64-17 in a home game vs. Charlevoix.

"The score at the end of the quarter was 10-10. We played great defense for the first eight minutes," Coach Sheehan said. "Charlevoix is a strong team and we were unable to take advantage of opportunities."

T. Schreiber had seven points and Harwood had six points for Grayling.

The Vikings (3-12 overall) will play at Elk Rapids on Thursday, Feb. 12.

GMS Girls Basketball

8th grade - Grayling Middle School's 8th grade girls basketball team defeated Boyne City 27-13 in a game played at GMS on Wednesday.

Leading scorers for Grayling were: Jo Hamlin, 8 points, 1 rebound; Danielle Dami, 7 points, 13 rebounds, 4 steals; Shanley Dorn, 6 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal; Maddie Benardo, 2 points, 8 rebounds, 3 blocks, 1 assist, 1 steal; Alyssa Morley, 4 points, 3 assists, 2 steals; Caitlin Prosser, 7 rebounds, 1 block, 2 assists, 1 steal; Courtney Nickerson, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal; Carly Dunckley, 3 rebounds, 1 steal; Hannah Haven, 2 rebounds, 1 steal.

"The girls did another fine job tonight against Boyne City. It is hard to come back prepared to play after suffering a loss like we had Monday night, but the girls took the floor ready to go. Everyone fulfilled their team roles tonight. Defensive standouts included Maddie Benardo and Shanley Dorn. We also had a few girls that came up big on the boards, including Danielle Dami, Maddie Benardo, Caitlin Prosser,

and Carly Dunckley," Coach Sarah McGuire said.

On Monday night, the Vikings lost 30-27 in a double overtime game played at East Jordan.

Grayling's leading scorers were: Hamlin, 12 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals; Prosser, 6 points, 10 rebounds, 1 block, 1 steal; Morley, 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist; Dami, 2 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal; Shanley Dorn, 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist; Nickerson, 2 points; Haven, 2 steals; Stanna Dorn, 2 rebounds; Benardo, 1 rebound; Dunckley, 1 rebound.

"We were really flat in the first half and fell behind early. East Jordan outscored us 6-2 in the first quarter and were up 14-6 at half-time. Then the girls came out and played the best two quarters of basketball I have ever seen them play. We held East Jordan to three points in the third quarter and scored 10 to cut their lead to 17-16. The fourth quarter was excellent defensively with our girls holding East Jordan to three points again. We missed some opportunities to put the game away with free throws

and put-backs, but our girls came up big in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter. Alyssa Morley had a nice drive to the basket for two points, and she and Caitlin Prosser each made one clutch free throw to push the game into overtime. Jo Hamlin had a great all around night and Danielle Dami showed tremendous hustle defensively and rebounding. The entire team played well in the first three-minute overtime period to force a second overtime. We kept up the intensity until the final buzzer sounded with two of our starters fouled out of the game. Unfortunately, this game goes in the record book as a loss, but anyone who was there knows the adversity these girls faced with tremendous heart and played their best," Coach McGuire said.

7th grade - The GMS 7th grade girls basketball squad won one and lost one last week.

On Monday, Feb. 2, the Vikings lost 30-12 at East Jordan.

"Even though the score does not indicate it, the team played pretty well, except for the shooting aspect. We

took a lot of good shots, ran some of our plays to get open, played pretty good defense, rebounded well, but did not make our shots," Coach Doug Pummell said.

Victoria Doster had four points for GMS. Emily Leslie, Natalie Woodley, Cierra Prosser, and Makayla Cragg each had two points.

"Logan Miller had a nice game making cuts to get open and playing well defensively," Coach Pummell said.

On Wednesday, Grayling edged Boyne City 16-13 in a game played at GMS.

"The team played great defense the whole game with a lot of help defense and held the Ramblers to 13 points after they had scored 33 the previous game," Coach Pummell said. "Top defenders were Meagan Malm, Cierra Prosser, and Tara Pummell. Makayla Cragg had her best game with many rebounds and setting good screens to get people open."

Leading scorers for GMS were: Colbie Wakely (6), Doster (4), Pummell (4), Prosser (2).

Grayling (3-3 overall) will play at Elk Rapids on Feb. 18.

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Winter Fun Days brings thousands of skiers to Hanson Hills

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The real athletics started at 3:30 p.m. with the big air competition at the terrain park.

Local daredevils on skis and snowboards twisted, turned and flipped in pursuit of the winning title.

Six snowboarders entered the big air competition. First place in the under 12 division went to Hunter Ventline with 60 points. Dallas Johnson took second with 54 points.

Anthony Morse won the 13-15 age division with 58 points.

In the 16 and up age division, Zach Cunningham was first with 50 points, Brandon Burrick took second with 47 points and Jake Haupt was third with 44 points.

Not to be overshadowed by the snowboarders, eight skiers entered into the aerial fray. In the 12 and under division, Zane Hetfield had the top score with 59 points. He was followed by Trent Hickman, who had 58 points. Ben and Josh Hetfield tied for third, each earning a score of 49.

In the 13-15 age division, Tyler Brigham had the best score with 57 points. He was followed by Jake Small



Tyler Brigham competes in the big air competition on Saturday.

with 52 points and Riley Zigila with 39 points.

Sean Hernandez won the 16 and up division with 55 points.

Those who like to keep their feet on the ground also had their shot at glory on Sunday with the Michigan Cup Sprints, a cross country skiing event. Although Nordic skiing is usually an endurance sport, this event found competitors racing as fast as possible in order to avoid elimination.

Final results from the Michigan Cup Sprints should be available at www.hansonhills.org by the time this goes to press.

The festivities closed with a unique event called the "Swim Suit Slalom." Five brave participants made a run down the hill in their favorite beach apparel.

"I felt the cold air rush over my skin. It felt like an arctic night," event participant Brandon Burrick said.

Burrick boarded down the

hill in nothing but a pair of swim trunks and his favorite hat.

"It's an adrenaline rush ... you should try it sometime," he said.

According to Duncel, the Swim Suit Slalom is the main winter fun days event that park staff are trying to develop. This was the second year the park has hosted the slalom activity as part of Winter Fun Days.

"This has got to grow into a huge event," Duncel said.

JV team wins with 9-0 run in final 3:30

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In the second period, Charlevoix turned several steals - the result of full court pressure defense - into points and cut into Grayling's double-digit lead. The Vikings didn't score any points in the second period until the 3:07 mark. Zane Tobin hit a three-pointer - his fourth of the first half - at the second quarter buzzer to give GHS a 32-24 advantage at half-time.

Grayling took a 45-43 lead into the fourth quarter.

On the first possession of the fourth period, Charlevoix tied the game at 45-45 with an inside shot. Grayling answered with a put-back by Griffin Dean. The Rayders tied the score with a two-point basket. Grayling scored two with an inside shot by Jensen Aubry.

A lay-up by Charlevoix tied the game at 49-49. Grayling led by two following an inside shot by Dean at the 5:09 mark.

Charlevoix scored seven unanswered points with a jump shot, a drive, and a three-pointer. With 3:49 remaining in regulation, the Rayders led 56-51.

At the 3:17 mark, Tobin hit a three-pointer. A jump shot by Jake Helsel tied the score at 56-56. A three-point play by Riley Zigila at the 1:48 mark gave Grayling a 59-56 advantage.

The Vikings went into clock killing mode. Charlevoix committed its fifth, sixth, and seventh fouls, putting Grayling at the free-throw line at the 0:32 mark after the seventh one. Grayling missed the shot, and the rebound went out of bounds, last touched

by Charlevoix. The Rayders fouled again to stop the clock, and Grayling missed the free throw attempt.

At the other end, Charlevoix missed an inside shot and Dean came down with the rebound. The Rayders fouled him. Dean made the first free throw, giving Grayling a four-point lead with 13 seconds remaining. Charlevoix missed a three-pointer and Aubry rebounded the ball for Grayling. The Vikings won 60-56.

"The team played really well. They deserved this win and it was a big one for them. Charlevoix was undefeated in the league prior to this loss," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Leading scorers for GHS were: Tobin, 25 points, 3 assists; Zigila, 12 points, 3 steals; Dean, 10 points, 9

rebounds; Aubry, 6 points, 8 rebounds; Helsel, 6 points.

Thursday's win over Charlevoix improved Grayling's season record to 7-4. The Vikings have a 4-4 record in Lake Michigan Conference games.

The Vikings will play at Harbor Springs on Friday, Feb. 13.

9th graders fall to Charlevoix

The GHS freshman boys basketball squad lost 68-48 vs. Charlevoix in a game played at Grayling Middle School last Thursday.

"We played Charlevoix pretty tough, but we missed too many lay-ups and did not take advantage of our opportunities. Charlevoix has a very strong team and I

was happy that we never stopped playing," Coach LJ Mead said. "We battled them till the end."

Leading scorers for the Vikings included: David Bergan, 12 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals; Tom Burrell, 10 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals; Josh McBride, 10 points, 6

rebounds, 3 steals, 2 assists; Craig Collen, 11 points, 7 rebounds, 5 steals; Ryan Randall, 3 points; Devon Dawson, 2 points, 8 rebounds, 6 steals, 5 assists; Jared Carlyle, 4 rebounds.

The Vikings (6-3 overall, 5-2 league) will play at Harbor Springs on Friday, Feb. 13.

Grayling Youth Wrestling Club

The Grayling Youth Wrestling Club competed in a tournament at Standish on Saturday, Jan. 31.

"We wrestled some tough matches, and at the end we were winning when the third period was over. Some matches were real close and our kids had lost some of these earlier in the year. The fact that they are winning these close matches (is) a tribute to their hard work and dedication to get better," Coach Larry Duvall said.

Placements for Grayling included: Mason Crandall, 1st; Zachary Duncan, 2nd; Travis Phipps, 2nd; Parker Dole, 2nd; Harley Duncan, 3rd; Jacob Kolka, 4th; Tim Burr, 1st; Ashdon Terrien, 1st; Kaden Brigham, 2nd; Logan Duvall, 4th; Jonathan Martin, 1st; Michael Phipps, 4th; Lucas Scott, 1st; Aaron Hagle, 1st; Zachary

Joseph, 3rd; Tandy Mitchell, 2nd; Gage Toomey, 2nd; Ty Jensen, 2nd; Jeff Myers, 4th; Kyle Schmidt, 1st; Brandon Handrich, 2nd.

On Saturday, Feb. 7, 23 Grayling wrestlers placed in the top four during a tournament at Farwell.

Placements included: Mason Crandall, 4th; Gavin Dannenburg, 1st; Deacon Myers, 2nd; Travis Phipps, 3rd; Parker Dole, 2nd; Noah Helsel, 4th; Jacob Kolka, 4th; Tim Burr, 1st; Ashdon Terrien, 1st; Mohammed Alaoui, 3rd; Kaden Brigham, 2nd; Logan Duvall, 4th; Devin Joseph, 1st; Jonathan Martin, 1st; Michael Phipps, 4th; Zach Cheney, 1st; Aaron Hagle, 3rd; Spencer Kent, 4th; Tandy Mitchell, 2nd; Gage Toomey, 4th; Zach Mack, 1st; Jeff Myers, 3rd; Brandon Handrich, 1st.

GMS Wrestling

Grayling Middle School's wrestling team defeated Roscommon and Traverse City St. Francis in a meet held at GMS on Monday, Jan. 26.

The Vikings won 56-33 vs. TCSF. Grayling defeated Roscommon by a final score of 37-28.

Winners for GMS included: (vs. TCSF) Danny Schultz (technical fall), Zach Mack (pin, decision), Ty Jensen (pin, pin, pin), Brandon Handrich (pin), Jeff Enos (pin), Jeff Myers (pin, pin); (vs. Roscommon) Schultz (decision, pin), Mack (pin, pin), Handrich (pin, pin), Ghayge Toomey (decision).

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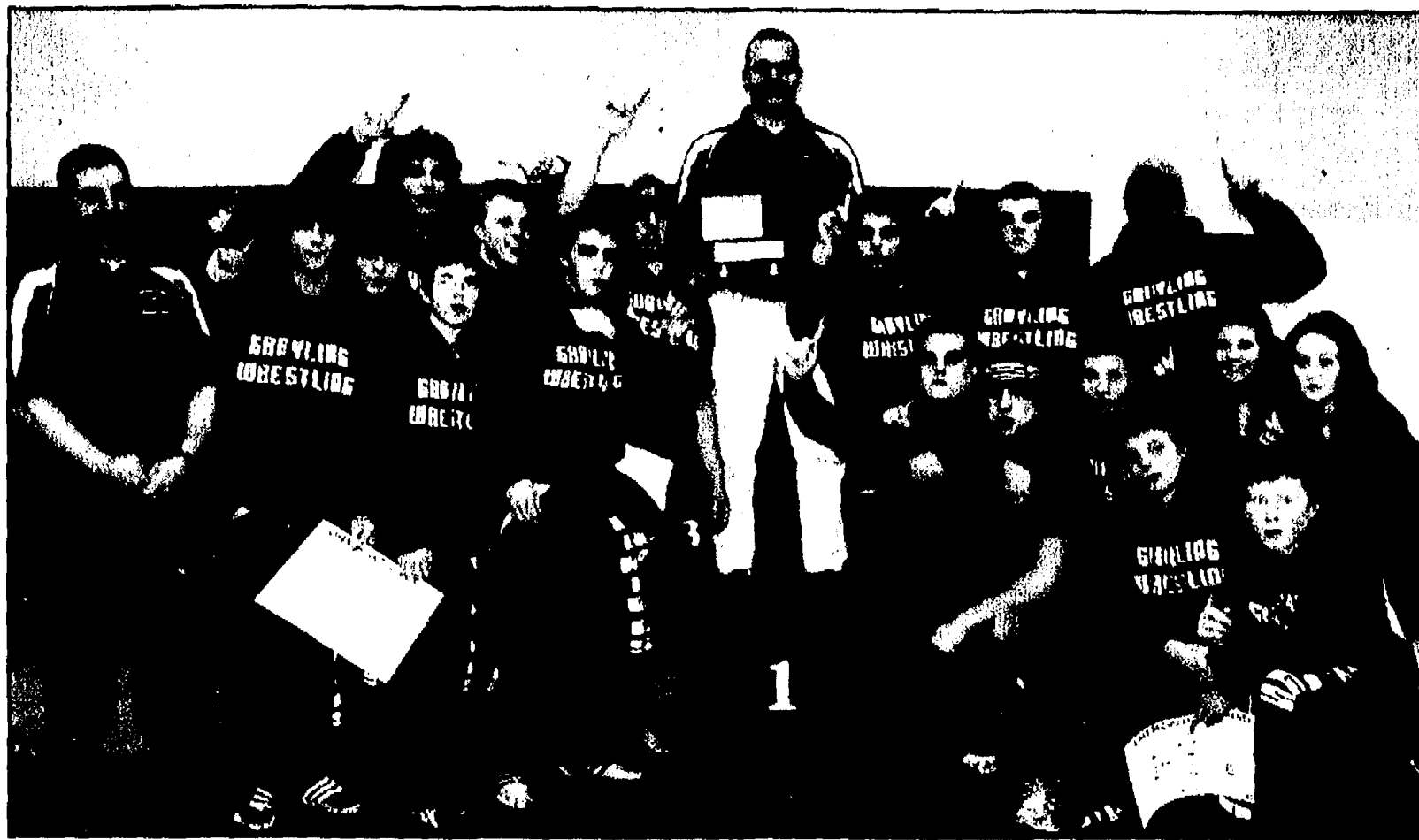
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The Grayling Vikings celebrate their Lake Michigan Conference championship at Saturday's league meet at Charlevoix.

Grayling wins 2nd consecutive conference wrestling title

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schedule with a perfect 10-0 record.

Moggo (140) won the first bout of the meet with a 19-0 decision. Collen (145) pinned his Elk Rapids opponent in the first round. Zach Wolcott (152) scored a third round pin with just one second remaining in the match. Babbitt (160) pinned his Elk Rapids counterpart in the second round. Grove (171) won by default.

Elk Rapids won a 7-4 decision in the 189-pound division. Townsend (215)

won by default. The Elks won the heavyweight division with a first round pin.

Bergey (103) and Elmy (112) won by default. Jacob Ervin (119) pinned his opponent in the third round. White (125) scored a pin in the second round. Duvall (130) won a 16-1 decision. Fowler (135) won by default in the final weight class of the meet.

On Saturday, the Vikings took first place in the Lake Michigan Conference's championship meet, which combined with their 10-0

league record - clinched a league title. The team also won the LMC in 2008 and 2006.

On Saturday, Grayling finished with 68 points. Traverse City St. Francis had 32 points, Kalkaska had 31, Boyne City had 30, Charlevoix had 22, and Elk Rapids had 20. Charlevoix hosted the LMC championship meet this year.

Placements for Grayling included: White (119), 1st; Duvall (130), 1st; Fowler (135), 1st; Collen (145), 1st; Wolcott (152), 1st; Bergey

(103), 2nd; Elmy (112), 2nd; Babbitt (160), 2nd; Grove (171), 2nd; Townsend (215), 2nd; Peters (heavyweight), 2nd; Ervin (125), 3rd; Moggo (140), 3rd; Contreras (189), 3rd.

Grayling's next meet - team districts - will be held on Thursday, Feb. 19, at Grayling High School. The Vikings have won two consecutive district championships. This year's district includes teams from Grayling, Oscoda, and Elk Rapids.

Ski teams finish 5th, 7th in 14-team meet

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams finished fifth and seventh, respectively, at last Monday's 14-team Manistee Invitational meet.

Individual placements for Grayling included: (boys slalom) Mike Olson, 7th; Matt Hilbrecht, 10th; Peter Alexander, 24th; Brady Coe, 27th; (boys giant slalom) Hilbrecht, 8th; Coe, 22nd; Alexander, 33rd; Roger Heggie, 46th; (girls slalom) Hannah Smith, 10th; Katie Lange, 16th; Peggy Currison, 29th; Ciara Summers, 31st; (girls giant slalom) Smith, 12th; Lange, 14th; Summers, 25th; Emily Wingard, 51st.

Team scores, through Grayling's place, are as follows: (boys) Harrison (61),

Manistee (84), Hackett (161), Mattawan (162), Grayling (177); (girls) Manistee (33), Clare (161), Charlevoix/East Jordan (175), Benzie (182), Harrison (183), Hackett (187), Grayling (188).

"The boys skied very well today," Coach Tim Gariglio said. "We only had five boys today due to the flu. Unfortunately, we lost Mike Olson in the (giant slalom) event when his ski came off near the end of his race. He has skied very well all season and carried this team. The rest of the team did a great job picking up for him and Matt Hilbrecht (did) an outstanding job among some very tough competition today."

"The girls were a bit off

today and didn't perform their best in giant slalom. The race was very close from second to seventh place. These girls could have easily finished second today. They have beaten all teams already this year with Manistee the only exception. Every team has an off day and we are fortunate ours has happened today and not at regionals," Coach Gariglio said.

On Thursday, the Vikings skied in a league meet at Nub's Nob. Grayling finished fourth overall in both competitions.

Placements for the Vikings included: (boys slalom) Olson, 5th; Hilbrecht, 9th; Alexander, 13th; Coe, 21st; (boys giant slalom) Hilbrecht, 7th; Olson, 8th; Coe, 18th; Alexander, 25th;

(girls slalom) Smith, 8th; Lange, 17th; Summers, 21st; Wingard, 22nd; (girls giant slalom) Katie Lange, 14th; Hannah Smith, 15th; Ciara Summers, 16th; Emily Wingard, 24th.

"Both teams are skiing very well right now. These kids have committed themselves to practice in extreme cold temperatures and week-end training at Schuss. With regionals just around the corner, hopefully their hard work pays off. The boys are skiing great in slalom and the girls are skiing great in GS. Hopefully we can polish our weaknesses by regionals," Coach Gariglio said.

The Vikings will ski in regionals on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 9 a.m. at Crystal Mountain.

Bowling Leagues

Pioneer League
Grayling Rest 26 - 6
Eagles Nest 21 - 11
Legion 19.5 - 12.5
Ole Dam 15.5 - 16.5
T.C. Lawncare 14 - 18
5 B's 14 - 18
Ball Busters 10 - 22
Tim's Collision 8 - 24
High Series: P. D'Amour, 569; S. Johnson, 532; L. Golnick, 529. High Game: P. D'Amour, 210; J. Coors, 194; D. Argue, 190.

Friday Mixed Doubles
Fred's of Rosco 34 - 15
Last Call 33 - 16
American Legion 24 - 25
Canadian Steak 23 - 26
McDonald's 23 - 26
Double Trouble 23 - 26
L & L Hauling 23 - 26
Miller Spillers 13 - 36
High Series Women: M. Jankowski, 560; S. Johnson, 499; L. Hanson, 489. High Game Women: S. Johnson and M. Jankowski, 201. High Series Men: J. Brown, 580; P. Benardo, 576; G. Mastroeni, 565. High Game Men: J. Brown, 229; P. Benardo, 225; D. Burger, 205.

Thursday Morning Coffee
Three Amigos 12 - 4
Misfits 10.5 - 5.5
Pin Slayers 9.5 - 6.5
Bill's Harem 8.5 - 7.5
Rosebuds 8 - 8
Ladybugs 6 - 10
Snow Tops 5.5 - 10.5
Casino Bums 4 - 12
High Series Women: C. Clark, 546; H. Stairs, 514; A. Stanley, 441. High Game Women: C. Clark, 189; H. Stairs, 185; B. Woltring, 181. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 617; B. Hollis, 578; D. Williamson, 527. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 236; B. Hollis, 209; D. Germain, 202.

Sunday Mixed Doubles
Team Shocker 33 - 9
Salon Rue 28 - 14
Hard Balls 24 - 18
Spikes #2 22 - 20
Spikes #1 21 - 21
Growlers 20 - 22
AJD 13 - 29
GrayRock Cafe 7 - 35
High Series Men: J. Thayer, 655; R. Sartin, 581; T. Sheldon, 574. High Game Men: J. Thayer, 259; R.

Sartin, 232; P. Faustman, 223. High Series Women: C. Sheldon, 479; S. Moshier, 471; N. Glasslee, 468. High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 188; A. Pepsin, 183; S. Moshier, 174.
Senior League
Spikes 18 - 6
Bear's Den Pizza 15 - 9
Gaylord Electric 14 - 10
Dana Transport 14 - 10
Flowers By Josie 12 - 12
Sylvester's Sports 10 - 14
Kicking Grass 9 - 15
Lone Pine 4 - 20
High Series Women: C. Clark, 551; H. Stairs, 462; C. Wyatt, 422. High Game Women: C. Clark, 186, 185, 180; S. Barber, 169; H. Stairs, 165. High Series Men: D. Williamson, 632; B. Hollis, 549; K. Harris, 521. High Game Men: D. Williamson, 232 and 222; K. Harris, 202; L. Crampton, 194.

Recreation League
Robin Smith CPA 19 - 9
TNT Charter 18 - 10
GMH-NCC 16 - 12
American Legion 14 - 14
Woody Girls 14 - 14
Glen's Market 12 - 16
Days Inn 11 - 17
Grayling Nursing 8 - 20
High Series: P. Terry, 508; S. Johnson, 502; H. Larm, 480. High Game: M. Ginther, 193; S. Johnson, 188; P. D'Amour, 182.
National First
GADCO 22 - 13
Continental Rental 19 - 16
Pittman Bld. 19 - 16
Hagerman Const. 19 - 16
Primary Electric 15 - 20
High Series: C. Brill, 652; D. Lawe, 646; P. Benardo, Sr., 625. High Game: D. Lawe, 246; J. Thayer, 224; C. Brill, 222.

American Men's League
McLean's Ace 14 - 0
Sky Ripper 14 - 0
Moore's Auto 12 - 2
GADCO 9 - 5
Fenton's Auto 5 - 9
McNamara Ford 2 - 12
Dragon Repair 0 - 14
High Series: P. Benardo, 640; T. Kotrash, 628; Lonnie Davis, 624. High Game: P. Benardo, 254; Lance Davis, 246; T. Sheldon, 235.

Pool League

Women's Standings
Frederic Inn 139
Ramada II 109
Gray Rock 96
Ramada I 60
5 Ball Run: Sis and Vicki (Frederic Inn); Erica and Heather (Ramada II). 6 Ball Run: Jill (Ramada I) and Heather (Ramada II).

Legal Action

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

FILE NO. N/A

In the matter of Ferdinand A. Korneli, Date of birth: 10/10/1927
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Ferdinand A. Korneli, who lived at Michigan, died November 19, 2007. There is no personal representative of the decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Maria H. O'Hare, Ferdinand J. Korneli or Kathleen A. Gradowski, Trustees of the Ferdinand A. Korneli Trust within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

February 3, 2009
Attorney

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2701 Blackberry Ln. NE
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1861 London Lane
Grayling, MI 49738

Kathleen Gradowski
577 Hillwood
White Lake, MI 48383
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 097536DE
Estate of MARY M. PETERSON, DECEASED Date of birth: 08/31/1928

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, MARY M. PETERSON, who lived at 5059 7 Mile Road, Grayling, Michigan, died 01/27/2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to KIMBERLY ANN JOPPIE, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

2/5/2009
Attorney
David R. Sabin P19822
115 E. Michigan Avenue
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(989) 348-5588

Personal representative
KIMBERLY ANN JOPPIE

4205 Davidson Road
Hastings, MI 49058

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd Banach and Carolyn Banach, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2004 and recorded March 9, 2004 in Liber 666, Page 757, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by HSBC Bank USA N.A. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Two and 99/100 Dollars (\$110,902.99) including interest at 5.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said

mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 47, Ber-Mar Woods. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: January 22, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 450.0012 ASAP# 2972112 01/22/2009, 01/29/2009, 02/05/2009, 02/12/2009
-22-29-5-12

MORTGAGE SALE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JUDITH B. GENDRON and JAMES G. GENDRON, WIFE AND HUSBAND, to MMS MORTGAGE SER-

VICES, LTD., Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2005, and recorded on April 26, 2005, in Liber 675, on Page 159, and assigned by said mortgagee to MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$54,500.51), including interest at 6.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 25, 2009

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: THE NORTH 162.65 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 15, 2009
MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075
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Planning Commission Members Wanted

Frederic Township Planning Commission is restructuring and is now looking for any interested person(s) that would like to be part of our Planning commission. Please submit a letter of interest to the Frederic Township Supervisor at P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733 or deliver in person during our normal business hours, Monday thru Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm. Please submit the letter of interest by March 2, 2009 before 2 pm.

Legal Action

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathan Z. Backus and Amanda Lyn Rohn n/k/a Amanda Lyn Backus, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 27, 2007, and recorded on September 24, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 658, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seven And 93/100 Dollars (\$57,507.93), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 4, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A-2: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence South (along the West Section line) 349.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence South 89 degrees East 233 feet; thence South 280.8 feet; thence North 89 degrees West 233 feet; thence North 280.9 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2009
For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #196161F02

-29-5-12-19

NOTICE

KENNETH HAYDEN:

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a petition against you seeking to terminate forever your parental rights to Danielle Michelle Atkins, William Scott Atkins, Michael Damien Atkins, Lauri Louise Atkins, Shawna Michael Atkins, and Austin Atkins. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to file an Answer to the Petition to Termination Parental Rights with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Knox County, Tennessee, 3323 Division Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, and to serve a copy of that Answer upon Susan D. Kovac, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, 531 Henley Street, Suite 531, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, which will be February 12, 2009, and/or to appear for trial on March 17, 2009 at 9:00 AM, at Knox County Juvenile Court. If you fail to do so,

a judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-117(n), Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P., and Rules 1 and 39 of the Tenn. R. of Juv. P. for the relief demanded in the petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents in the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office at the address shown above.

ENTER this the 31st day of December, 2008.

Timothy E. Irwin
Judge

PREPARED FOR ENTRY:

Susan D. Kovac, BPR #5189
Regional General Counsel
Department of Children's Services
531 Henley Street, Suite 531
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

-22-29-5-12

STATE OF MICHIGAN 87th JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PROBATE ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

Case No. 08-5481-GC-1
Court address 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738
Court telephone no. (989) 344-3242
Plaintiff:
Auto-Owners Insurance Company
(As Subrogee of Phyllis Tackett)

Plaintiff attorney:
Assurance Legal Group, PLLC
Tamara L. Hoffstatter (P60248), Ian T. Morton (P67892)
1760 South Telegraph Road, Suite 106
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(248) 209-0022

Defendant:
Todd Emanuel Cardoza, Jr.
205 Alexia Lane
Grayling, MI 49738

In the matter of Todd Emanuel Cardoza, Jr.

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon defendant, Todd Emanuel Cardoza, Jr. cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s):

d. Other: Posting at 87th District Court. Publication for a Period of three (3) consecutive weeks in a local newspaper.

Date: 1/16/09
Judge,
Honorable Monte J. Burmeister
P48732

-29-5-12-19

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded or set aside by the foreclosing mortgagee. In such event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to a return or refund of the bid amount tendered at such sale, together with interest at the rate set forth herein.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Eric Fisher, a single man, Mortgagor, of 10587 Indian Woods Trail, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, to Chemical Bank, successor by merger to Chemical Bank West, a Michigan banking corpora-

tion, of 333 E. Main Street, Midland, Michigan 48640, Mortgagee, dated February 21, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on March 1, 2001, in Liber 529, at page 476, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due for principal, interest and late fees, as of the date of this notice, the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Five and Seventy-Nine Hundredths Dollars (\$66,155.79).

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on **Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.**, said mortgage will be foreclosed in the lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, in Grayling, State of Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held, by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, of the premises in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon at Five and Two Hundred Forty Thousandths percent (5.25%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney's fees allowed by law, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the Mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interests in the premises.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, are commonly known as 10587 Indian Woods Trail, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, and are more particularly described as follows:

Lot 617, Indian Glens of the AuSable No. 6, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale; provided, however, that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following such sale.

Date: January 21, 2009
William R. Garchow (P61833)
CURRIE KENDALL PLC
6024 Eastman Avenue
Midland, Michigan 48640
(989)839-0300
Attorneys for Chemical Bank
-22-29-5-12-19

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made

by Gaylord Sims and Kathleen Sims, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 12, 2005 and recorded February 22, 2005 in Liber 673, Page 854, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seven and 22/100 Dollars (\$68,207.22) including interest at 3.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Commencing at the East one-quarter corner of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence North 0 degrees 49 minutes West (along the East Section line) 657.90 feet; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West, 1499.82 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 33 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West 16.5 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 624.84 feet; thence North 88 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East 16.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds East 624.84 feet to the point of beginning, being part of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways. Parcel 2: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence West 12 rods to the point of beginning; thence South 38 rods; thence West 8 rods; thence North 38 rods; thence East 8 rods to the point of beginning. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: January 22, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 285.3757 ASAPH# 2972752 01/22/2009, 01/29/2009, 02/05/2009, 02/12/2009
-22-29-5-12

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by D & K Investments of Grayling, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, of 2373 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, P.O. Box 665, Grayling, Michigan 49738, to THE CITY OF GRAYLING, a Michigan Municipal Corporation, of P.O. Box 547, Grayling, Michigan

49738, dated January 23, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, in Liber 618, Pages 161-163, which Mortgage there is claimed to be due, for principal and interest the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and 58/100 (\$162,212.58) Dollars, and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage thereof and in pursuance to the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage thereof will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or such much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on March 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, legal costs, attorney's fees, and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan:

PARCEL 5: Part of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter and part of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, described as: Commencing at the South one-quarter corner of said Section 17; thence North 01° 37' 52" East along the North-South one-quarter line of said Section, 2258.48 feet; thence South 89° 26' 34" West, 233.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 89° 26' 34" West, 1374.73 feet to the Easterly right-of-way of Highway I-75; thence along said Easterly right-of-way, 998.49 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 5614.58 feet, delta angle of 10° 11' 22" and chord bearing North 22° 11' 01" East, 997.18 feet; thence North 27° 19' 20" East, along said Easterly right-of-way, 299.09 feet to Southwesterly Rail Road right-of-way, thence South 45° 54' 55" E, along said Southwesterly right-of-way, 1211.66 feet; thence South 01° 37' 52" West, parallel with the North-South one-quarter line of said Section, 332.88 feet to the Point of Beginning. TOGETHER WITH a 66 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of utilities the centerline of which is described as commencing at the South one-quarter corner of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; thence North 01° 37' 52" East, along the North-South one-quarter line of said Section, 2258.48 to the Point of Beginning of the centerline of said 66 foot wide easement; thence South 89° 26' 34" West,

along said centerline, 233.00 feet to the Point of Ending of said easement centerline. EXPECTING THOSE UNITS DESCRIBED AS: Unit 1, of D & K Condominiums, Phase I, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 629, Pages 106-147, inclusive, Crawford County Records, also being known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 12, together with rights in the general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

AND Units 2, 21, 22, 23 and 25, of D & K Condominiums, Phase II, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 643, Pages 279-321, inclusive, Crawford County Records, also being known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 13, together with rights in the general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

AND Units 37, 38, 39, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 52, of D & K Condominiums, Phase III, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 672, Page 951, as instrument No. R0007271, Crawford County Records, also being known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 15, together with rights in the general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

AND Units 67 and 68, of D & K Condominiums, Phase IV, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 676, Page 130, being Reception No. R0010446, Crawford County Records, also being known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 17, together with rights in the general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The period of redemption will be Six (6) months from the date of sale.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated: 3 February 2009

Gerard F. Brabant P31123
Attorney For Mortgagee
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35
Roscommon, MI 48653
(989) 275-4365

-12-19-26

Notice City of Grayling Board of Review

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 PM.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 16th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 PM; Wednesday, March 18th, 2:00 to 5:00PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for real and personal property within the City of Grayling for 2009, are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Developmental	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The City of Grayling will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Grayling.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Grayling by writing or calling the following:

Christie Verlac, Assessor
1020 City Blvd.
P.O. Box 549
Grayling, MI 49738
(989)348-2131

Christie Verlac, Assessor

Statement of Non-Discrimination

Upper Peninsula Telephone Company is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). "USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender." To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD).

SAVE MONEY ON YOUR LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE!

Eligible low-income residential customers of Upper Peninsula Telephone Company are encouraged to take advantage of available discounts on their telephone bills. The **LIFELINE** program provides people on limited incomes with an \$11.25 discount (up to \$12.35 for customers age 65 or older) on their monthly telephone charges. Additionally, under the **LINK-UP** program, qualified households may receive a 50 percent reduction (up to \$30.00) on the line connection charges (if approved within 60 days of initial installation). Eligible low-income consumers living on tribal lands are eligible for an additional discount of up to \$70.00 to cover 100% of the charges between \$60.00 and \$130.00.

To qualify for the **LIFELINE** program, 2009 annual household income must be at or below 150% of the federal poverty levels shown below.

Family Size	Gross Monthly Income Less Than	Gross Annual Income Less Than*
1	\$1,354	\$16,248
2	1,821	21,852
3	2,289	27,468
4	2,756	33,072
5	3,224	38,688
6	3,691	44,292
7	4,159	49,908
8	4,626	55,512

*Subject to change. Add \$5,616 (\$468 monthly) for each additional household member.

Or, the person must participate in one of the following federal assistance programs: Medicaid, Food Stamps, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP), National School Lunch Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Toll Blocking Service (TBS) support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large long distance fees to choose toll blocking at no cost.

A resident of tribal lands qualifies for **LIFELINE** and **LINK-UP** if he or she meets the above criteria, or by participating in one of the following programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance Program, Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Head Start (income-qualified customer only) or National School Lunch Program (free lunch program).

For further information on **LIFELINE** and **LINK-UP**, visit www.lifeline.gov.

If you or someone you know may be eligible for this program, please call Upper Peninsula Telephone Company for an application.

If you are not a customer of Upper Peninsula Telephone Company, please contact your local telephone service provider for an application.

Upper Peninsula Telephone Company
397 US 41 N, P. O. Box 86
Carney, MI 49812-0086
906-639-2111 (Local)
800-950-8506 (Toll Free)

Legal Action

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Chad Hawley and Amy Hawley, husband and wife to Olympus Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2004 and recorded December 9, 2004 in Liber 672 Page 826 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1, by assignment dated December 6, 2004 and recorded March 12, 2008 in Liber 690, Page 579, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$74,176.55) including interest 9.275% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 11, 2009

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 1, Brink's Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 33, Crawford County Records

Commonly known as 210 Rolla, Grayling MI 49738
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 30, 2009 Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1.

Assignee of Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd, Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248)844-5123
Our File No: 09-04718
-5-12-19-26

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bernard Irwin, married and Alice Irwin, married, joint tenants w/rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Tranex Financial, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 5, 1997, and recorded on June 10, 1997 in Liber 431 on Page 373, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Extra Credit Union as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty-Three And 97/100 Dollars (\$37,143.97), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in

such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 11, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being part of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 4, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 4; thence North 0 degrees 32 seconds East along the North and South 1/4 line, 2083.10 feet for a point of beginning, thence South 89 degrees 09 seconds West 270.0 feet, thence North 0 degrees 32 seconds East 20.6 feet; thence South 89 degrees 09 seconds West 100.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 32 seconds West 15.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 09 seconds West 933.67 feet; thence North 0 degrees 31 seconds East along the 1/8 line, 109.9 feet; thence North 89 degrees 09 seconds East 1303.63 feet; thence South 0 degrees 32 seconds West along the North and South 1/4 line 115.5 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 5, 2009
For more information, please call: FC G 248.593.1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #242277F01
-5-12-19-26

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael B. Ritter, a Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 28, 2002, and recorded on July 11, 2002 in Liber 588 on Page 1, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Five And 91/100 Dollars (\$54,335.91), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 4, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point which is North 87 degrees 06 minutes East 277.22 feet and North 0 degrees 54 minutes East, 33.07 feet from the East 1/8 corner common to Sections 6 and 7, Town 26 North, range 3 West, and running thence North 0 degrees 54 minutes East 195 feet; thence North 87 degrees 06 minutes East 60.13 feet; thence South 0 degrees 54 minutes West 195 feet; thence South 87 degrees 06 minutes West 60.13 feet to the point of beginning. Being a Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2009
For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #241585F01
-29-5-12-19

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas Lee Thomas and Kathleen J. Thomas aka Kathleen Schopp, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2002, and recorded on May 21, 2002 in Liber 582 on Page 282, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Four And 88/100 Dollars (\$33,824.88), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 4, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 14 and 15, Ausable Country Acres, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed, thereof, as recorded in Liber 433, Pages 203 through 241, inclusive, Crawford County Records, also being, known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 3, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2009

For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #241925F01
-29-5-12-19

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph R. Bresette, And Theresa Bresette, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 17, 2004, and recorded on May 25, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 487, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen And 78/100 Dollars (\$51,616.78), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A part of the South 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, commencing at the Northeast corner thereof and running thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes West 160 feet; thence South 0 degrees 02 minutes East, 660.7 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes East, 160 feet; thence North 0 degrees 02 minutes West 660.7 feet to the place of beginning, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a,

in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
Dated: February 12, 2009
For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #205430F02
-12-19-26-5

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph R. Bresette, And Theresa Bresette, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 17, 2004, and recorded on May 25, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 487, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen And 78/100 Dollars (\$51,616.78), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Township 28 North, Range 4 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 12, 2009
For more information, please call: FC J 248.593.1311
-12-19-26-5

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #236734F02
-12-19-26-5

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marcus D. Weaver, a Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 13, 2008, and recorded on February 15, 2008 in Liber 690 on Page 292, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four And 70/100 Dollars (\$63,834.70), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 72.5 feet of Lot 18 and the West 20 feet of Lot 19, Block 5, Karen Woods Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 12, 2009
For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #245835F01
-12-19-26-5

PUBLIC NOTICE CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL SECTION 5311 APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for fiscal year 2010, as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for federal Section 5311 assistance as required under the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

CCTA is requesting Five Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$556,281) in state operating assistance for general public transit services; Two Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy-Three (\$249,873) in Federal Section 5311 operating assistance; and in excess of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) for replacement buses, equipment and other undertakings eligible for capital project support.

Crawford County Transportation Authority ensures that the level and quality of transportation service is provided without regard to race, color or national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For more information regarding our Title VI obligations or to file a complaint, please contact us at the address given below.

The proposed application is on file at the CCTA administrative offices. Interested parties may schedule an appointment to review the application by telephoning 989-348-8215.

Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for a public hearing to review the application must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2009. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Requests should be mailed to:

Crawford County Transportation Authority
4276 W. North Down River Road
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Notice South Branch Township Board of Review

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 1:00 P.M.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 9, 2009, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 12, 2009, from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. appeal hearings.

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, or fax (989)275-4860, provided protest letter is received prior to March 9, 2009.

Tentative ratios and the estimates multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2009 areas follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Lynn George, Clerk / Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor
5245 M-18
P.O. Box 606
Roscommon, MI 48653
(989)275-8232.

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

**Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds**

Legal Action

MORTGAGE SALE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEVE KISH and PEGGY KISH, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 18, 2007, and recorded on July 24, 2007, in Liber 687, on Page 817, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents (\$125,986.67), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 25, 2009.

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: PARCEL "A-1" BEING A PART OF THE EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF

THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ON THE SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST, 229.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, 250.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST ON THE SECTION LINE, 229.8 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING.

PARCEL "A-2" BEING A PART OF THE EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST COR-

NER OF SAID SECTION 28; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ON THE SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 1079.7 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST ON THE 1/8 LINE, 329.75 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST ON THE 1/8 LINE, 1079.8 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST, 329.79 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 14, 2009
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns,

Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450

Southfield, MI 48075

-22-29-5-12

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Autumn L. Holmes, a married woman and Kenneth D. Vanevery, her husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 26, 2004, and recorded on July 27, 2004 in Liber 670 on Page 593, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Two And 95/100 Dollars (\$102,422.95), including interest at 6.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Manistee Heights, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of plats, page 20, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 12, 2009
For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #244579F01

-12-19-26-5

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Thomas Lee Thomas and Kathleen Jean Thomas f/k/a Kathleen Jean Schopp, husband and wife to Standard Federal Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated June 4, 2005 and recorded June 24, 2005 in Liber 676 Page 42 Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$76,693.24) including interest 3.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 18, 2009

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 14 and 15, of Ausable Country Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 433, Pages 203 through 241, inclusive, Crawford County Records, also known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 3, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended

Commonly known as 1515 Lumberjack Ct, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 30, 2009 Bank of America, N.A. as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank as successor to LaSalle Bank Midwest, N.A. f/k/a Standard Federal Bank, N.A.

Mortgagee Attorneys:
Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd, Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 09-04659
-12-19-26-5

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 3, 2009 at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on;
Mon., March 9, 2009 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 12, 2009 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

TENTATIVE

CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utilities	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an Organizational Meeting Monday, March 2, 2009 at 12:00 Noon in the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2009 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 9, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 12, 2009, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	49.76	1.0048
Commercial	50.84	0.9835
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.58	0.9885

This notice is posted in compliance with PA267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Beaver Creek Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to Beaver Creek Township.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Beaver Creek Township by writing or calling the following.

Brian Ashton, Supervisor
Beaver Creek Township
8888 S. Grayling Road
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 275-8878

Brian Ashton
Beaver Creek Township Supervisor

2009 CRAWFORD COUNTY TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS

CLASS	ASSESSED	EQUALIZED	RATIOS	FACTORS
BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009				
101 Agricultural	120,800	121,181	49.76	1.0048
201 Commercial	3,933,800	3,868,804	50.84	0.9835
301 Industrial	13,818,200	13,818,200	50.00	1.0000
401 Residential	69,090,950	68,298,685	50.58	0.9885
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	86,963,550	86,106,870	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	22,751,700	22,751,363	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	109,715,250	108,858,233	-	-
FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	2,432,900	2,187,466	55.61	0.8991
301 Industrial	460,400	454,940	50.60	0.9881
401 Residential	71,678,100	69,861,696	51.30	0.9747
501 Timber Cut-Over	1,647,200	1,692,213	48.67	1.0273
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	76,218,600	74,196,315	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	6,557,400	6,557,800	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	82,776,000	80,754,115	-	-
GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	10,592,500	10,518,868	50.35	0.9930
301 Industrial	14,017,200	13,979,297	50.14	0.9972
401 Residential	234,459,700	235,637,889	49.75	1.0050
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	259,069,400	260,136,054	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	7,109,600	7,109,313	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	266,179,000	267,245,367	-	-
LOVELLS - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	2,341,000	2,344,751	49.92	1.0016
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	69,093,300	71,626,521	48.23	1.0367
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	71,434,300	73,971,272	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	4,466,400	4,466,358	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	75,900,700	78,437,630	-	-
MAPLE FOREST - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	1,063,200	1,087,784	48.87	1.0231
301 Industrial	1,576,500	1,471,989	53.55	0.9337
401 Residential	27,741,500	27,017,433	51.34	0.9739
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	30,381,200	29,577,206	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	2,960,280	2,960,280	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	33,341,480	32,537,486	-	-
SOUTH BRANCH - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	4,123,400	3,984,731	51.74	0.9664
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	118,497,200	119,725,342	49.49	1.0103
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	1,012,200	1,020,568	49.59	1.0083
TOTAL REAL	123,632,800	124,730,641	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	3,716,100	3,716,327	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	127,348,900	128,446,968	-	-
CITY OF GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	35,114,800	35,255,823	49.80	1.0040
301 Industrial	7,101,800	7,170,638	49.52	1.0097
401 Residential	22,257,300	22,555,026	49.34	1.0134
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	64,473,900	64,981,487	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	7,310,800	7,310,600	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	71,784,500	72,292,087	-	-

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Features

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A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



February 14, 1963 - The above picture was taken at the Mt. Frederic ski resort when Janet Blaauw received her crown from owner Al Almon. Shown with the Frederic Queen is Janet Johnson on the left and Sharon Plagens on the right. The three boys are (L to R) John Tobin, Douglas Hinkle and Bert Kaiser.

23 Years Ago
February 13, 1986

Norma Naour was named Citizen of the Year at the 61st Annual Grayling Winter Sports Carnival. Naour has directed the Miss Grayling Pageant for eight years and is the first vice president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Freezing rain last Tuesday forced many motorists off the roads and enticed some youngsters to try ice skating on the back roads the next day as school was called off. Despite the Crawford County Road Commission crews attacking the ice four different ways, some patches of ice still remained five days later on shaded side roads.

Ward Jones won the 145 pound weight class at the Michigan Huron Shores Conference. He earned the

first place trophy with three straight pins.

The well-known "Holy Water" stretch of the main-stream of the AuSable River will have no-kill rules year-round the Natural Resources Commission decided last Thursday at their meeting in Kalamazoo. The NCR voted unanimously to impose no-kill on the 8.7 mile stretch of river until 1990 when the regulation will be reviewed. The no-kill allows fisherman to catch all the trout they can, but every fish must be released alive back into the river. The Holy Water stretch is from Burton's Landing to Wakeley Bridge.

A record number of 632 persons were booked in the Crawford County jail for 1985, a year-end report by

the Sheriff's Department shows. The number of persons booked at the jail increased significantly from 491 booked in 1984.

The Grayling volleyball team remained undefeated in dual matches with wins over Charlevoix at home. Grayling also remained undefeated in the Michigan Huron Shores Conference, tying for first place with Rogers City.

46 Years Ago
February 14, 1963

On Thursday, Feb. 7, the Grayling Ski Teams went to Sheridan Valley for a meet with the Gaylord and Atlanta ski teams. The Grayling boys ski team took first place in the meet. The order the boys finished in the slalom run were as follows: Jack Welch, Mark Anderson, Pat Buron, John Cook, Mickey Stillwagon and Mark Day. The girls team took second in the meet and the order they came in on the slalom run were as follows: Hannah Kroll, Jody Wyman, Camilla Marshall, Rhea Stripe and Linda Knibbs.

Remodeling work going on at the Grayling Insurance Agency includes the removal of the partition which was across the back of the office, installing a new floor and having the front office repainted. The work is being done by Perry Akers, Harry Hoerl and

Byron Randolph.

Laurie Jean Hubbell celebrated her 7th birthday on Feb. 8. Fourteen little girls helped her celebrate with cake and ice cream and a party after school. The girls winning prizes were Rebecca Swinkey, Thelma Galloway, Dalene Peterson and Holly Knibbs.

69 Years Ago
February 15, 1940

The groundhog didn't fool when he saw his shadow and predicted six more weeks of winter. Friday morning, the Grayling Fish Hatchery thermometer registered 12 below, the coldest morning of last week and this week.

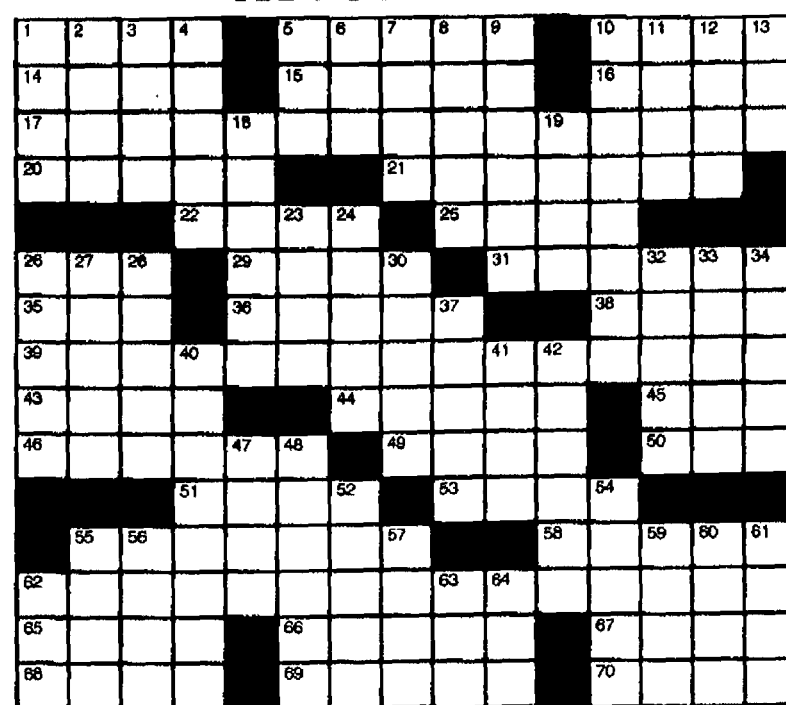
A Friday night fire from an oil burner damaged the building John Stephan Jr. used as a workshop on the property of his mother, Mrs. John Knecht, down the river. Housed in the building were two boats John recently built.

92 Years Ago
February 15, 1917

This month has caught many families without coal. The thermometer registered anywhere from zero to 37 below. The coal situation looks serious, as the coal dealers have been without coal for several days.

Earl Davis is a new pupil in the junior high school.

CROSSWORD



Across

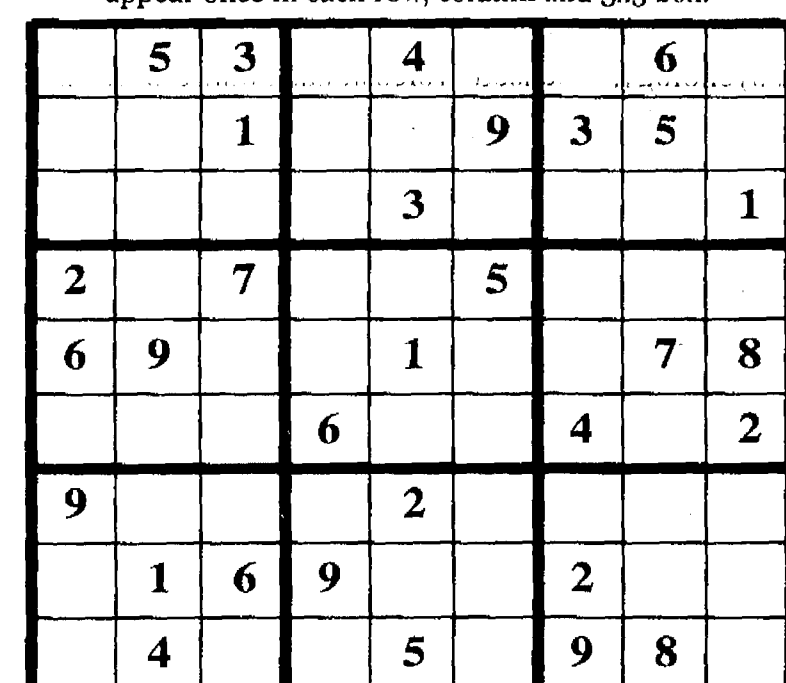
1. Mischiefous sprite of English folklore
5. Mail units
10. Lady Macbeth, e.g.
14. Rice-like pasta
15. Coward's lack
16. "Aeneid" figure
17. Prediction of the weather
20. Eastern wrap
21. Reflect brightly
22. Inside shot?
25. Granitic rocks forming the outermost layer of the earth's crust
26. Telekinesis, e.g.
29. Cry plaintively
31. Fly
35. Long, long time
36. Cliffside dwelling
38. Spiritual, e.g.
39. Day for exchange of tokens of affection
43. Asian tongue
44. Dearie
45. Dadaism founder
46. Reddish brown
49. Jerk
50. "Are we there ___?"
51. Peak of a hill
53. "Bill & ___ Excellent Adventure"
55. Like a romantic evening, maybe
58. High nest: Var.
62. Shortsightedness
65. Make, as money
66. Chuck
67. Misses
68. "... or ___!"
69. Agreeing (with)
70. Fencing sword

Down

1. People who surrender to the enemy in time of war
2. Synthesized from ammonia and carbon dioxide
3. Alexander, e.g.
4. Disposable absorbent pad
5. "___ Cried" (1962 hit)
6. "___ Town Too" (1981 hit)
7. Blockheads
8. Movie set objects
9. Predicament
10. Characterized by careless unconcern
11. Face-to-face exam
12. Ditch
13. "C___ la vie!"
18. Kind of tea
19. "zoic" things
23. On the safe side, at sea
24. Tall tales
26. Annoyances
27. Member of the Bantu people who inhabit Botswana, Lesotho and northern South Africa
28. Used in tuning forks and measuring tapes
30. Greek disciple and helper of Saint Paul
32. NBC morning show
33. Bag
34. Pharaoh's land
37. Black billiard ball
40. Conveyed by or through air
41. Finger, in a way
42. Like many shorelines
47. Coastal raptors
48. Lass
52. County of southern England in the English Channel
54. "The Playboy of the Western World" author
55. Breakfast, lunch or dinner
56. Boat propellers
57. "Comin' ___ the Rye"
59. Acquire
60. "Cast Away" setting
61. "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
62. Used to indicate the maiden or family name of a married woman
63. Elephant's weight, maybe
64. "Concentration" pronoun

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

For the week of February 12, 2009



December 22-January 19

Love is in the air. Be creative and get the home fires burning. Capricorn. A message from an old buddy piques your interest in a cause.



March 21-April 19

Ooh-la-la, Aries. Passion ignites at home, and your relationship sizzles. Make the most of the moment. Personal values must soon be reevaluated and amendments made.



June 22-July 22

The magic is back. Cancer. Love heats up, and passion burns bright. A new face turns everyone's life at work upside down, and that's not necessarily a bad thing.



September 23-October 22

Everything is not as it seems, Libra. Take a step back and see the situation for what it truly is. You might be surprised by what you discover.



January 20-February 18

Risks pay off big this week, Aquarius. Celebrate with that special someone. A home repair deserves your full attention and careful consideration.



April 20-May 20

Excellent, Taurus. Your gift scores with that special someone. A calming influence invades the workplace, and peace reigns. Use the time to get ahead.



July 23-August 22

Pish-posh, Leo. You can and will do it. Throw away your reservations and get crackin'. There is more than one way to express your love at home.



October 23-November 21

Pandemonium breaks out at home, Scorpio. Not to worry. All of the fuss will make the big event that much more special. Travel is on the agenda for the weekend.



February 19-March 20

Nothing means more to you than family, Pisces, and this is the week to make that known. Rearrange your schedule and spend some quality time with your loved ones.



May 21-June 21

Victory is yours this week, Gemini. There is nothing you cannot do. A wish is granted for a dear friend, and a small package tops off the weekend.



August 23-September 22

Vo-vo-voom, Virgo. That new do is yours. Don't think twice about going for it. Riches are not always monetary, as you're about to learn with that special someone.



November 22-December 21

Love knows no bounds. Nowhere will that be more evident than at home this week, Sagittarius. Be grateful for what you've got. A phone call points you in a new direction.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our web site for more information.



Puppies!

The shelter has some very sweet puppies waiting for homes. Alanna says that you should adopt a puppy from the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter because they are "cute, adorable and nice."

Come visit the shelter and find your new best friend.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,
10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.uscc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast						
Date	H	L	Snow inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2/3	31	1	0.25							
2/4	15	-10	0.60							
2/5	7	-18	0							
2/6	20	-1	0							
2/7	32	-2	0							
2/8	48	28	0							
2/9	37	14	0							

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



SWEETHEART CHOCOLATE LOLLIPOPS

Ingredients:

- 4 squares unsweetened chocolate
- 3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 4 squares white chocolate, melted
- Assorted sprinkles

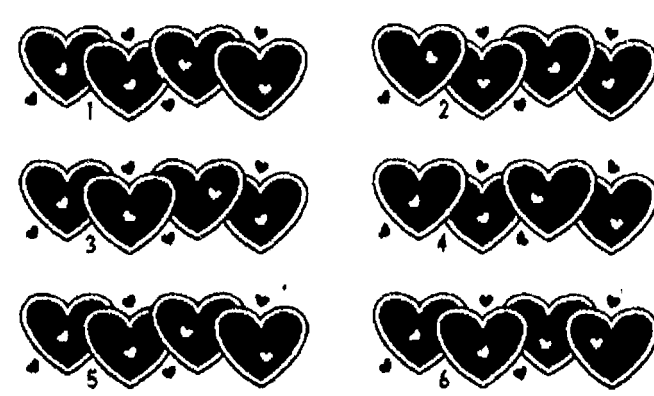
Directions: Preheat oven to 350°F. Microwave chocolate and butter in large microwaveable bowl on high for 2 min. or until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted and mixture is well blended. Add sugar; mix well. Blend in eggs and vanilla. Add flour; mix well. Cover. Refrigerate 1 hour or until dough is stiff. Shape dough into 2-inch balls; insert lollipop stick into each ball. Place, 2 inches apart, on greased baking sheets. Bake 8 min. or just until set. (Do not over bake.) Let stand on baking sheet 1 min.; transfer to wire racks. Cool completely. Drizzle with chocolate; decorate with sprinkles. Let stand until chocolate is firm.

Prep Time: 20 min. Total Time: 2 hr

Serving: 2 1/2 Dozen

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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|--------|-----------|------------|
| ARROWS | CHOCOLATE | LOVE |
| BOW | CUPID | PARTY |
| CANDY | FLOWERS | SWEETHEART |
| CARDS | HEARTS | VALENTINE |

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06t/f/1)

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2. For Rent

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06t/f/2)

3. Employment

2. For Rent

BIG HOUSE Mobile homes and cabins at Lost Acres. 4 bedroom log home, \$575; 2 bedroom mobile homes, \$375 plus utilities; cabins from \$275 - \$375 with free utilities. 11004 - 11010 N. Old US 27, no pets at all. 1-877-227-6976, more details at www.quality-homerentals.net (Northern Michigan Units). (11/20/08t/f/2)

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SMALL 2 BEDROOM HOUSE 1/2 mile from Bear Lake. \$460 a month plus deposit and utilities. Call 231-275-6887. (-12/2)

3. Employment

2. For Rent

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007t/f/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom apartment located in town. \$550 per month. To apply call 370-2745 or 710-1194. (-12-19/2)

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3. Employment

2. For Rent

CABINS AT LOST ACRES Cabins from \$275 - \$375, with free utilities. 11010 N. Old US 27, no pets. 1-877-227-6976 or Mike at 231-590-3699. (02/5/09t/f/2)

RIVER FOREST APARTMENTS 420 Hannah and 239-249 Ballenger Street in Roscommon is updating the waiting list for one, two, three and four bedroom units. Rent is based on income with some rent subsidy. Barrier free units in building. Applications on site or call Beverly at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd. 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal housing opportunity. Hearing TDD 1-800-855-1155. (-12-19-26-5/2)

3. Employment

2. For Rent

NICE CLEAN 2 bedroom duplex, totally remodeled. Laundry hookup, storage, lawn care and snowplowing. No smoking. \$495. 700A Smith and 8114 Insley Ave. 348-2178. (1/8/09t/f/2)

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1. Real Estate

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3. Employment

2. For Rent

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3. Employment

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2. For Rent

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INVEST LOW, PROFIT HIGH 2 Bedroom, 1 bath home offers 1078 square feet with separate dining-parlor room, attached garage. This home is a bank repossession and is being SOLD AS IS. Home is vacant. Nice back yard, covered porch with stone. A BARGAIN FOR DO-IT YOURSELF BUYERS! Contact listing agent for showing. CH-2789 \$39,900



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MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING

3. Employment

SEEKING PART-TIME SECRETARY to perform basic secretarial duties such as filing, accounting skills, answering phones and other clerical duties. Candidates must possess customer and computer skills and the ability to multitask. Please send resume to RE/MAX of Grayling, P.O. Box 550, Grayling, MI 49738. (2/12/09)(f/3)

POSITION OPENING The Northern Michigan Law Enforcement Training Group (NMLETG), an Urban Cooperative entity located at Camp Grayling, is seeking a qualified person to serve as Assistant Training Coordinator of the organization's services and programs. Individuals interested in this position should begin the hiring process by electronically sending a resume along with a cover letter summarizing your education and work experience to Sheriff Gary Finstrom at the address below no later than March 2, 2009. Not all interested individuals will be contacted for an interview. E-mail: gfinstrom@wexfordcounty.org. (-12-19-26/3)

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INSURANCE POSITION Local insurance agency seeking experienced team player with strong sales and service skills. Individual must have current insurance licenses or have the ability to become licensed. If you are interested in a career with an industry leader, please submit resume to: R&K, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-12-19/3)

IMMEDIATE OPENING Cleaning person wanted for local business. Experience necessary and references. Monday through Thursday, three to four hours per evening. Competitive wages. Must have transportation and cell phone. Please call Julie, 989-705-9327, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (-12/3)

HELP WANTED Holiday Inn & Comfort Suites. Front Desk, assistant managers and managers. Two years experience is a must. Send resume to: resort11@gmail.com or fax, 847-469-8634. (-12-19/3)

8. Announcements

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5. For Sale

3. Employment

BABYSITTER NEEDED In my home for my 2 year old daughter. Approximately two nights, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. 989-348-9187. (-12/3)

4. Services Offered

LICENSED DAY CARE In town has full time openings. Monday through Friday. Call Jackie at 344-1578. (-12-19/4)

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D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08)(f/4)

PROFESSIONAL HEMMING jeans, dresses, slacks, etc. Custom bedding, weddings. 989-344-2444. (-12-26/4)

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8. Announcements

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9. Personals

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Happy Valentine's Day
Kayleigh and Beth
Love, Mommy,
Grandma and
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5. For Sale

4. Services Offered

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5. For Sale

JOHNSON'S RANGE 989-348-4614, Gun and ammo sale. 1911 45 ACP blue, \$400, new; 1911 45 ACP ss, \$400; Henry lever action 357, gold, rec, \$635, new; Bushmaster 223, 14", 16", 20" barrels, \$1,500, new; Bersa 380 ACP 15 rds., \$350, new; small 380 auto, 7 rds., blue and ss, \$135, new; Para-ordnance 12 rds., 40 Smith and Wesson, blue, \$600; 25-06 heavy barrel bolt action, \$635; 9 mm ammo, \$14 per box of 50; 380 ACP, \$15 per box of 50; 38 Spl. FMC, \$15 per box of 50; 38 Spl. RNL, \$14 per box of 50; 44 mag. RNC, \$18 per box of 50; 45 Colt FMC, \$18 per box of 50; 40 Smith and Wesson FMC, \$18 per box of 50. This is new ammo. (-5-12/5)

TWO 1995 ARCTIC CAT Cougars 2,450 and 2,500 miles. Like new, excellent condition, must see to appreciate. Two place trailer. Original owners, \$2,600 takes all. 989-348-8998. (-12-19/5)

8. Announcements

5. For Sale

WINDOWS 16 white vinyl double hung replacement windows with screens. Excellent condition. Various sizes. \$25 or \$20 if you remove. Available after February 19. Call 989-348-9676. (-12/5)

J. DAP STARTS Wednesday lunch time specials this Wednesday. Every Wednesday in February, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., J. Dap will have a super bargain price on one item only! But you have to stop in to see what it is! J. Dap is located at 118 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. (-5-12-19/5)

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR03/26/09/5)

SHOP J. DAP CO. Gift Store for Valentine's Day. New Woodwork and Yankee candles are in! You can always find affordable luxuries at J. Dap Co., 118 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. (-5-12/5)

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6. Wanted

BUYING JUNK VEHICLES Price varies with size but will pay the most. Call Don at 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (10/11/07)(f/6)

MOVING TO FREDERIC from central Wisconsin in June. Currently employed at propane company for past 16 years in office. Duties include payroll, monthly/quarterly taxes, A/R, daily and monthly billings, banking, customer service, inventory, etc. E-mail me: ldawyer@charter.net for more information. (-12-19/6)

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9. Personals

Happy one year wedding anniversary.
Thank you for being a wonderful "other half."
What took us so long?

Love Ch

Happy Valentine's Day
Andrea Elmy
at Dubois
Lumber
LMAO
XOXO

Eric,
Roses are red,
violets are blue.
In 3 months
you are done
with school,
yahoo!
Happy Valentine's Day
Eric

7. Miscellaneous

HALL FOR RENT 120 person capacity, full kitchen facility available. Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-275-8878. (-18-25-1-8-15-22-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19-26-2-9-16/7)

8. Announcements

ATTENTION CLASSMATES OF 1989 Reunion scheduled for July 18th at hanson hills. Family time during the day and evening for adults. Please contact Janet Petrosky at janetpclarck@hotmail.com. (-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19/8)

ANNUAL NATIONAL Wild Turkey Federation sanctioned banquet/auction, Saturday, February 14, 2009, at the Grayling Eagles Club. Social hours: 5:30 p.m. Dinner/program: 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Brian Brown at 989-275-1426. (-5-12/8)

PLANNING To purchase a monument or grave marker? We have been advised that prices with our supplier will increase in March. Monuments and grave markers ordered by February will be at last year's price and most can be set in the cemetery before Memorial Day. Contact or visit Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home for more details or assistance with designing a monument or grave marker. Terry Lockwood, 348-2951. (-12-19/8)

SPRING THOUGHTS Fly tying classes, February 26, 2009. Call 989-745-2480 for information. Trouts Choice, Mike Kulhawick. (-12-19-26-5/8)

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07)(f/8)

11. Automotive

8. Announcements

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9. Personals

ATTENTION Salon Rue Valentine Spa packages available for your sweetheart. Call today for a gift certificate. 989-348-8555. (-12/9)

HAPPY 53RD ANNIVERSARY to Domenico and Eunice Galvani on February 11. From your brats, grandbrats and great-grandbrats. (-12/9)

11. Automotive

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